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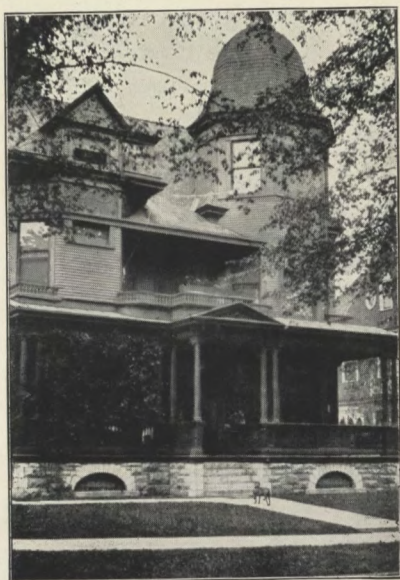
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"ALF of the charm of a national fraternity would be lost if all members were the product of the same conditions. All members have the same ideals, but the expression of these ideals is modified by geographical environment. Instead of regretting these differences, we should seek to use what we can of them for our own increased efficiency. Instead of withdrawing within ourselves, we should seek to communicate our ideas for the fraternity's increased efficiency. That all are not alike is no occasion for unfriendliness."—M. C. H.





CHI'S NEW HOME



RHO'S HOME

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## FRATERNITY LOYALTY

We were five, and had climbed Great Hill hand in hand for our last sunset talk. Quoth the Poet: "On such a night, —" . . . . An odd little break in her voice made further speech unwise. Discreetly we turned our eyes westward.

What we saw there amid the feathery cloud-masses, rose-tinted, I, the Scribe, cannot properly tell. For there were five of us, and we looked with different eyes. Some dream come true, perhaps, brought that tender glow upon the face of the Practical Person, and I guessed from the Singer's parted lips and eager gaze that she was probing the heart of a glorious hope. The Poet, reading the vast epic of the western skies, and the Silent One, who, sunrise or sunset, lived with her memories, were all-oblivious. I . . . . I was not looking at the sunset. I, be it confessed, was looking at my comrades.

Yes, surely we were comrades, battle-scarred, on the threshold of a new campaign. It was commencement eve, and four years, term in, term out, we had marched shoulder to shoulder under the black and gold.

Scarred? . . . . Many a time and honorably. To count the cost and to pay cheerfully, that scars, does it not? Each of us had seen her bravest labors go unrewarded. All of us knew the sting of unkind comment. Yet in our fraternity life was something which had repaid us for sacrifice and grief and disappointment and misunderstanding; something which had nerved us to our finest and most unselfish effort. Was it—

"Gone." came a chorus of sad little gasps. The last sun of our college days had set.



"What shall we take with us into the big tomorrow, oh, thou Silent One?" I questioned.

"Our memories."

"They will fade, a greater token must we have," said I.

"Our ideals." "Our hopes." "Our love." The answers of the other three followed close upon my challenge.

Then I, the Scribe, dearly loving a battle of words, and the tug and strain of quick thoughts behind the words, went on: "A talisman stronger than all these, one which will realize our ideals, speed our hopes and preserve our love."

"Do you mean loyalty?" asked the Poet.

"I mean fraternity loyalty," I replied.

"What is it, this fraternity loyalty which has made our four years so precious?" queried the Singer.

The Silent One opened her lips as if to answer, but quickly thought better of it. Her unspoken words would have been sad, I think, for her eyes were tired and her shoulders drooped. We did not know until many months afterward of the bitter disillusionment in whose shadow the Silent One had been walking. Harsh words, all unwittingly said, said where the world might hear . . . critical words they were, words that tore and stung and rankled.

"Shall we each name our ideal fraternity loyalty?" suggested the Practical Person. "Name it and carry it down the hill with us and out into the world?"

There was a murmur of assent. So we sat in the twilight, trying to weave into all too meagre words the great soul of sisterhood. One by one the stars came out as if to punctuate our loving thoughts.

And one by one we offered our carefully chosen phrases.

Said the Singer: "To be loyal to each day as it comes along is the best way for me to show my loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta. To get up in the morning with the hope of living the best day that I have ever lived and by so living to show what Kappa Alpha Theta means."

True was the maker to her creed.

Said the Practical Person: "To work enthusiastically for my own chapter and for the interests of the whole fraternity, to speak and act in such a way as to bring honor and never discredit to the fraternity, to help and stand by my fellow-members in every need, this is my fraternity loyalty."

And it was.

Quoth the Poet: "Fraternity loyalty is a spirit a self-effacement and loving service, regardless of personal prejudice or private ambition; a reluctance to listen to words of blame; a steadfast, active devotion to the fraternity ideal."

If so, then was the Poet loyal.

Somewhat of the evening calm must have entered the heart of the Silent One, for she spoke gravely and gently: "By fraternity loyalty we mean, do we not, faith in the national fraternity and in each other; a realization that, in spite of mistakes and failures, we are working for the right ideals; and a love that makes us judge lightly and trust much."

Finally I, the Scribe, fearing to mar the perfect tributes so given, yet anxious to add my little word of cheer and good-intent, did speak as now I write: "A resolution and a prophecy, my sisters. We five go forth into the world. Since the fraternity has mothered us with infinite tenderness and travail, we shall speak no word but good of her, of her ministrations and of her children, counting criticism well lost for love. And we shall stand ready to assist her in her hours of discouragement or of misfortune."

Have you noticed the Theta pin in the south-eastern heavens? I am sure it shone clear on that night in June. We looked at it so long that its outlines became blurred. Could it be that we were \* \* \* \* \* Swiftly we walked down the hill and home, a new vow in our hearts.

*Alpha Alpha District of Kappa Alpha Theta*



## INSTALLATION OF ALPHA RHO

Early in March Kappa Alpha Theta added an interesting chapter to her history—the establishment of Alpha Rho chapter in the University of South Dakota.

The Thetas in Vermilion for the installation were; Mrs. Eleanor Leith Sabin and Mrs. Jessamine Lee Fox of Psi; Julia Hainer, Laura Hainer, Katharine Cline, Mrs. Margaret Wheeler Casady, Louise Woodruff—alumnae of Rho—Louise Bedwell, Hazel Hamilton, Marion Swezey, Helen Wallace, and Elizabeth Weston—all active members of Rho; and Martha Cline Huffman, Grand treasurer, and L. Pearle Green, Grand secretary. That so many members of Rho—Alpha Rho's nearest neighbor—were present was a source of great gratification to the Council members in charge. The close interchapter friendships thus early established will mean much to both chapters and to the fraternity, too, for the personal interest of mature, gracious, well-organized Rho will help Alpha Rho to prompt comprehension of fraternity traditions.

The first of the visiting Thetas arrived Thursday noon. The afternoon was pleasantly passed getting acquainted and visiting at the dormitory. That evening, March 7, thirty-two members of T. B. D. were formally pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. After the service there was a spread and a "sing", where *Oh I want to be a Theta* was a frequently re-sung favorite. Friday morning the rest of the Thetas arrived; and in the early afternoon the pledged Thetas witnessed their first pledge service—where two more T. B. D.'s (just returned) were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Late in the afternoon the twelve eligible alumnae, who had returned for installation, were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta. After an informal supper together, these alumnae joined the Theta ranks to witness the initiation into Kappa Alpha Theta of the twenty-two active members of T. B. D. Mrs. Martha Cline Huffman presided at the initiation, being ably assisted by the Rho Thetas.

On Saturday, at one o'clock, the installation service was conducted by L. Pearle Green and Alpha Rho chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta became a reality March 9, 1912.

A delicious banquet luncheon followed the installation where Mrs. Huffman presided over the following toast programme,

"Let us pledge a toast to Theta,  
and her colors black and gold."

### TOAST LIST

TOASTMISTRESS, MARTHA CLINE HUFFMAN

The Siege.....Helen Scroggs

"The Greeks knew not the many,  
But the trusted, tried and true."

The Capitulation.....Hazel McVicker

"There is no royal road to highest  
fame,  
The man has toiled who wears a  
glorious name."

Our History.....Julia Hainer

"Nature in her production slow,  
aspires  
By just degrees to reach perfections  
height."

Our Geography.....Katharine Cline

"May there be no North, no South,  
no East, no West, but only one broad,  
glorious fraternity."

Kappa Alpha Theta.....Marie Lotze

"The Fraternity, God bless her;  
"May earth yield her increase:  
May heaven receive her votaries:  
And may she so impress our spirits  
that when we meet in the pearly  
streets, we may know one another  
without the aid of badge or color."

The Loving Cup.....L. Pearle Green

"You and I can ne'er grow old  
While this fair cup is nigh;



Here's life and strength,  
Here's health and wealth—  
Pass not a Theta by."

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"Then let the loving cup go round.  
The cup with glorious memories crowned.  
Tho' one by one old friends must part  
Still Theta love shall rule each heart."

While but four college chapters were personally represented at this luncheon, the rest of the fraternity was there in spirit as attested by the avalanche of telegrams and notes welcoming Alpha Rho to our fraternity. Alpha Rho's ability to name college and home city of every Greek-letter-signed message would be the envy of every examination-facing freshman. She was posted on Kappa Alpha Theta current history!

On Sunday there were a number of conferences, many quiet talks, and at four P. M. the first chapter meeting of Alpha Rho of Kappa Alpha Theta was held at the home of Mrs. Jessamine Lee Fox, Psi, the resident Theta so long interested in this group. This chapter meeting saw Alpha Rho well started as a chapter. The splendid organization which she had developed as T. B. D. made the organization work very easy—as it was largely a matter of re-adjustment in nomenclature and details. A supper together, followed by intimate talks, an examination of Alpha Rho's new property, and a conference with the alumnae members from which will probably soon come an alumnae chapter, served to occupy a busy evening.

Monday the Council representatives visited the college officers, called on Alpha Xi Delta—the only other women's national at the university—and held conferences with the newly elected chapter officers; while the other visiting Thetas visited the college and its friends. That evening Alpha Rho was hostess at a charming reception and dance where the visiting Thetas had the pleasure of meeting faculty, townspeople, and student friends of the new chapter. This function in the University armory, was a brilliant success—the decorations were elaborate and

beautiful with the black and gold everywhere, the music was excellent, the hostesses most gracious and thoughtful, the guests most cordial in their sincere welcoming of Theta to the University of South Dakota and in their friendly rejoicing over the successful termination of T. B. D.'s long, persistent work for a Theta chapter.

Indeed the cordial welcome that Kappa Alpha Theta received from the entire community was most gratifying. This spirit of welcome and appreciation of the possibilities of national fraternity life, while pleasing the installing Thetas, placed upon them the strong obligation of insuring that Kappa Alpha Theta would always be the power for good its new friends considered it to be. But with a group of the earnestness, charm, and ability of our active Alpha Rho members and with a group of well-poised, gracious alumnae members co-operating with them, we feel sure of the future too.

The charter members are:

|                                    |                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. Mabel Perry Anderson, L. B.   | Berneice Swezey '12.      |
| '98, Ph. M. '00.                   | Grace Sargent '12.        |
| Theresa Swezey, S. B. '99.         | Florence Totten '12.      |
| Mrs. Gertrude Swezey Fox, Ph. B.   | Raeburn Gilchrist '12.    |
| '00.                               | Vera Mabel Nicholson '12. |
| Mrs. Fern McGinnis Davis, B. A.    | Hazel G. McVicker '12.    |
| '03.                               | Anna Gilchrist '12.       |
| Mrs. Pansy Austin Whittemore,      | Ada Meadows '12.          |
| B. M. '03.                         | Anna Beckmann '12.        |
| Mrs. Minnie Sargent Bryant, B. A.  | Lorena Dell Young '13.    |
| '05.                               | Florence Gray '13.        |
| Rinnie Vaughn, B. M. '05.          | Adele Lewis, B. M. '08.   |
| Hazel Lotze, B. A. '06. M. A. '11. | Bonnie Beebe '13.         |
| Helen Scroggs, B. A. '08. M. A.    | Florence Chaney '13.      |
| '09.                               | Carleton Sherwood '14.    |
| Mrs. Elsie Sargent Julian, B. A.   | Harriet Chubbuck '14.     |
| '08.                               | May Jolly '14.            |
| Marie L. Lotze, M. A. '12. (B. A.  | Mabel Maule '14.          |
| Smith '09.)                        | Laura Lotze '14.          |
| Mildred I. Grange, B. A. '09.      | Katherine Cahalan '15.    |
| Lenore B. Totten, B. A. '10.       | Ella Gray '15.            |



## OUR NEWEST CHAPTER

They say that children should not be held up for their own admiration, but what am I going to do? Alpha Rho is a member of the family, now. There is no way to prevent her perusal of these lines and I feel that the rest of the fraternity is entitled to some knowledge of this new sister. However, I think we can trust Alpha Rho's level headed perception that it is because she reached the standard set by Kappa Alpha Theta, in college and group, that she now possesses a charter. Certainly the dominant note of their installation was an expression of the appreciation of the honor, and a realization of the trust, Kappa Alpha Theta has laid upon her.

Surely a chapter could not enter an institution under more favorable circumstances than we have just entered the University of South Dakota. The friendliness of the townspeople, students, and faculty could hardly be over-stated. The President and the Dean of Arts and sciences both took special pains to assure Miss Green and me of their active interest in the girls and their respect and admiration for Kappa Alpha Theta. The little Panhellenic world has been enthusiastic in its support of T. B. D. and is now just as hearty in its congratulations. The nonfraternity element evinces cordial goodwill. And the good people of Vermilion have the attitude of a parent whose favorite child has just performed some brilliant feat.

The future of the university is certain. Not that we need specially to look to the future for Theta material, for Alpha Rho is supplied with the best brand of that right now; but it is comfortable to realize that this new chapter is in a young and growing university, with unlimited prospects of development before it and that our chapter will have the necessity of keeping pace with its Alma Mater. This condition lessens our own responsibility to the chapter, perhaps, but we bear that, easily.

There are none of you who have a more assured place in your college community than has this latest addition to our roll.



ALPHA RHO



Her organization and spirit have won unrivalled prestige in the University of South Dakota. In fact, she is a type of the best in Theta achievement. When I visited T. B. D. two years ago I had to keep constantly reminding myself that these girls were not Thetas. Their ideals, their methods, and their manners were so like the chapters I had just come from visiting; that only by alertness did I keep "Thetaisms" from my lips. Alpha Rho is a true Theta chapter, in the spiritual as well as the literal sense. The inner meaning of T. B. D. is just as high as that of Kappa Alpha Theta. By placing our badge upon their breast we simply broadened ideals which they already possessed—ideals which they definitely expressed and practically applied. As Helen Scroggs toasted, "I drank to a wedded, not a dead, T. B. D."

I know there was not one of the group of twelve "installers" who was not made a better Theta by her experiences in Vermilion. And why? Because the womanly earnestness, the supreme faith of Alpha Rho chapter in Kappa Alpha Theta laid an obligation upon the fraternity which each one of us felt we must personally see discharged—an obligation not to betray her trust nor prove ourselves unworthy of her highest efforts.

That is the sort of a baby chapter we have. Or rather, that is the sort of a young woman we have adopted into the family. She is a full grown sister, ready and worthy to take her proper duties and responsibilities, a sister to be proud of, to be loved.

*Martha Cline Huffman*

## AN APPRECIATION

That is the sort of a baby chapter we have. Or rather, that Kappa Alpha Theta. A very beautiful silver card-tray has come to me, expressing your appreciation of the work of the four years of my Grand Presidency. The appreciation is indeed reciprocal. I count the national fraternity work among the greatest privileges I have had and I thank you most lovingly

for everything which the intimate association with Kappa Alpha Theta has meant and will always mean to me. The tray is exquisite in every detail and the pansies embossed in the border will always express the loyalty, the confidence and the affection you have shown me. My constant desire throughout the four years was to be worthy of the trust you were showing. The tray, as your expression of this trust, will be an inspiration always; I appreciate it greatly and thank you most cordially and lovingly.

*Anna Harrison Nelson*

## WHAT ARE OUR ALUMNAE CHAPTERS DOING?

Twenty-four alumnae chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta are recorded in the last number of our magazine—what are we doing? Are we giving anything to Theta or are we, like sycophants, merely getting all that we can from her? The girls in the college chapters actively represent the fraternity; through them, for the most part, people judge our social possibilities, our scholarship, our influence for good, and our definite attainments. Individual alumnae Thetas, namely our officers, the chairmen of the big committees, our Journal editors, and a few others, do much real and splendid work for Theta, but how about the rest of us?

Probably a third of the Thetas in the United States are not affiliated in any way either with a college or alumnae chapter. In most cases such a condition is doubtless unavoidable, but do these women wear their pins, keep posted on fraternity matters through the Journal or in other ways, and remain Thetas in spirit, or are they content now that they have gained all that they personally require from the fraternity to forget and neglect the organization which was once of so great benefit to them? The point that I wish to make is not that Theta suffers greatly by such an attitude on the part of a few of her members, but rather that the selfish ingratitude of these negligent ones should



be somewhat of a warning to the rest of us, should make us realize what great loyalty there has been and is on the part of others to have made our fraternity grow and develop as it has.

Then, how about the alumnae chapters? The most of them have monthly meetings, generally social in purpose. In Zeta alumnae, for instance, we meet on the first Saturday afternoon of each month at the homes of different hospitable members. The hostess with five others constitutes a committee to serve and feed us, while three other chapter members provide entertainment of various and interesting sort. This year between thirty and forty have been present at every meeting, enjoying each monthly gathering so thoroughly that any necessary absence from one has seemed a real hardship. To us these social meetings have seemed essentially worth while; enjoyable from each one's selfish standpoint and, more than that, a real furtherer of the ideals of Theta sisterhood in that, through them, many strangers in town, brides particularly, have formed real friendships. Other alumnae chapters also meet regularly with a definite social purpose, some at monthly luncheons, some at the homes of the members, some doubtless in other ways. This promotion of friendships and the consequent increase of true happiness within the radius of any alumnae chapter surely is a worthy outgrowth of our college Theta ties and a strengthener of the sisterly spirit of our fraternity.

Let us grant, then, that our alumnae chapters are working in the right direction regarding our fraternity's social aim. What are we doing for the intellectual? And the answer comes, of necessity, from the most of us, "Very little." All praise should be given now to Iota alumnae, the chapter which has worked so constantly, so energetically, so ever loyally to the furtherance of a Theta scholarship. Theirs is a definite intellectual aim, theirs, a definite purpose, and already the Theta scholarship fund has become a regularly increasing, tangible reality with the sure promise of being an accomplished ideal within the next few years. Why cannot we other alumnae

chapters find also and then work for some definite intellectual aim? Ours need not be as large a one as Iota alumnae's; in fact, the fraternity is scarcely able as yet to finance more than one so big an undertaking. But wouldn't it, perhaps, be possible for alumnae chapters in some way to stimulate an intellectual activity in the college chapter or chapters nearest to it? Might not an alumnae chapter offer a small prize of some sort to the Theta in a nearby active chapter who received during the year the highest general standing? Or, if there were two or three college chapters in the same state or immediate vicinity as the alumnae one, might not some chapter-house need be attended to for that chapter which, of the few in question, ranked best scholastically? Only a few of our graduate Thetas are now able, individually, to raise our fraternity's scholarship standard higher, and yet we ought not to forget this important division of our ideals.

Socially, intellectually, morally—what are our alumnae chapters doing to promote the moral welfare of our fraternity? And the answer comes, I fear, that save through the influence of their individual lives in their own narrow surroundings, nothing. Pardon me, if again I quote Zeta alumnae; each one of us can speak only of that which she knows, and I am simply unfortunate enough not to know much of what is being done in the other alumnae chapters. This year, however, we of Zeta alumnae have adopted a new plan in our meetings, which has proved both interesting and stimulating. Between brief attention to the few matters of business which necessarily arise at each meeting and the giving over of the afternoon to amusement comes a half hour discussion of some matter vitally affecting Theta's welfare. Some one leads the discussion, two or three others know beforehand that they are expected to make a few, concise remarks on the question, and then follows a wide-awake general facing of the problem. Just at present the question of particular interest to Zeta alumnae women is the one of how to regulate and improve some of the evils in



Theta chapter-house life. No definite solution has been found, yet without that there can be but little value in such discussions. That our minds should be alert to the big fraternity problems of the day, to their whys and wherefores, is worth something no doubt, but how are we going to make that alertness of any real value to Kappa Alpha Theta? We must do something, of course, but what? Zeta alumnae has not yet solved that query in regard to the chapter-house question or any other. But until it is solved, until every alumnae chapter is working for the promotion of Theta's moral welfare and working in some definite practical way we must not be content.

Theta alumnae chapters have a fraternity already well organized, well-spread, and noble for which to work. We are proud of her just as she now is. Unless, however, we realize that there are still ways in which we can better her standard, that we are shirking our part if we leave this responsibility to the active chapters alone, we as alumnae chapter members are failing to do for Kappa Alpha Theta all that gratitude for what the fraternity has meant to us demands, and are failing to make the most of our opportunities as alumnae chapters. Let us make this, then, our alumnae question during the next few years—what are we as chapters doing, what can we do more for Kappa Alpha Theta?

*Hope Davis, Zeta Alumnae.*

## RUSHING SUGGESTIONS

### The Flower of Power

IN many charming ways were we freshmen entertained by the I Thetas during the long rushing season. At these parties and dinners we grew to know and love the girls themselves, but the operetta, *The flower of power*, written by Vera Kelsey and presented by the members of Alpha Pi chapter on the eve of silent week, brought home to each freshman the real meaning

of the fraternity, what it asked and what it gave; and also brought to many wavering hearts the value of decision.

The curtain went up upon a sleeping Fairyland. Soft, sweet music with far away indistinctness immediately put the impressionable freshmen into the frame of mind necessary to grasp the importance of the message Theta wished to convey. We saw our dear Theta friends personifying Love, Loyalty, Honor, and Scholarship—gathered about the throne of Queen Theta, and realized that these were the aims of Theta. Throughout the play such perfect unity of feeling for each other and the fraternity was shown that we could not help but feel it. Several of the Theta songs were introduced and the girls sang with all their hearts and souls.

Witch Rivalry blinds Queen Theta, and for the possession of the Flower of Power, which will restore her sight, Queen Theta promises whatever the successful one may desire. Gaily the Thetas seek and bring every golden flower, but none are successful.

Into our minds crept the question "What have we to offer Theta?" "Are we worthy to join these sisters working for a nobler womanhood?" How our hearts thrilled when the timid freshman came upon the scene carrying a little black pansy with a gold center. It was the Flower of Power. There was not one of us freshmen who did not hope that some day she might bring something that this fraternity might be proud of.

With great eagerness we awaited that which Queen Theta promised to grant the successful seeker. And when the freshman poured out with her whole heart *Oh, I want to be a Theta* there was a silence intense with feeling.

As the curtain went down upon the fairy sisters singing *We are thy children* every freshman's mind was made up, and they were glad to steal quietly away to be alone with this new and wonderful conception of the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

BLANCHE E. DAILY.



## Rush Committee

HAVE you ever tried a rushing committee headed by a rush captain? To have such a committee has besides many small advantages two very marked ones. First, by removing from the fall fraternity meetings discussions of the rushing stunts to be given, when, where, and how, and other details of rushing, more time can be given to discussions of local Panhellenic conditions, to national fraternity questions—talks on which always yield good fruit and particularly so the fall after a Theta national convention—and discussions of rushees. Secondly, a rush captain relieves the chapter president of much responsibility, and gives her more time to keep her chapter in good condition. In order that the committee may work to best advantage, it should be given absolute control of rushing season, the appointing of committees, planning of functions, et cetera, and its reports at chapter meetings should be very indulgently criticized and should be accepted unless for strong reasons.

*Frances T. Clarke, Alpha Delta*

## A Bacon Bat

TO those who do not have a well-loved college woods this party may not sound attractive, but in our "Crum" woods we did feel rather confident of having a good time. The invitations to the "Bacon Bat" sounded interesting, as well as the request to appear in "room 217" at the appointed hour.

Late in the afternoon we started off, our arms full of pillows, rugs, cans of baked beans, frying pans and bacon. We dumped them all on a level space near a large hollowed rock which was to serve as fireplace. The blankets spread and a good fire built, we began to cook. The cans of beans were opened and placed in the embers, and thin slices of bacon fried to a crisp without regard for fingers or faces. Then with buttered rolls and coffee we managed to satisfy our appetites. After having cleared up the remains and burned the plates we stretched out on the blankets and told ghost stories.

*Alpha Beta*

#### A camping party

A MOST successful rushing stunt is a camping party, in that it combines novelty and practicability. It not only gives rushees a pleasant diversion from the usual superfluity of teas, dinners, and similar social functions, but we thus learn to know them better than we could otherwise.

Alpha Nu and rushees left Missoula early one morning, and after a delightful ride of eight miles found ourselves in the very heart of a pine forest. The camp was on the shore of a beautiful mountain creek, and consisted of one large cabin and several tents. In the afternoon, the chaperon took the whole party through a lumber mill, about three miles from camp, where we saw the progress of the wood from the rough log to the finished doors and sashes. In the evening, we built a large camp fire in front of the cabin, and sang our college songs, while we roasted marshmallows. It was a happy, tired group of girls that crawled between the heavy blankets, to sleep soundly in the crisp mountain air. Late the next day we broke camp and regretfully came back to civilization.

*Hazel M. Lyman, Alpha Nu*

#### A Walking Party

A RUSHING stunt is a *rushing* stunt, but the more informal and commonplace it is, the better are we able to hide that annoying, staring fact. If a college is situated in a city as ours is, what could be more enjoyable than a long walk in the country on a brisk, autumn afternoon. It is a success, too, for we have tried it—and know. On a Saturday afternoon we all met at the suburban home of one of our alumnae, took off our wraps, put on sweaters, and made ourselves comfortable for a good tramp. We started out together, but soon broke up into perfectly natural little groups. Some walked briskly; some sauntered along the paths; others cut across fields; and the more energetic ran races. We walked and walked and walked, and no one seemed to mind the distance. Along the



road we met a huckster, and what did we do, but climb into his wagon and help ourselves to apples. Of course, *some one* paid him. Then, we walked and walked some more. Finally, our attention was called to the sunset, so we hurried back. A great, blazing fire was waiting for us. How closely did we huddle about it, for the afternoon had grown cool and we were slightly tired. And never did sandwiches and hot chocolate taste better. It was splendid. No one could have felt that disagreeable strained sensation—such a thing was impossible, and dear me! *We* almost forgot that we were *rushing*.

*Alpha Delta.*

#### A house party

A MOST successful plan was our house party. About twenty alumnae and active girls entertained the rushees at a favorite house party rendezvous about twenty-five miles from St. Louis. Besides the usual frolics, the alumnae gave a wonderful (!) play portraying the green little freshman, her first few strenuous weeks as a rushee, and her eventual reception into the right fraternity. The names of the fraternities were disguised, but hits made at all of them, added to the fun.

#### A Rest Party

HAVING visions of dark circled eyes and dragging feet toward the last of rushing season, we planned a rest party. We received our guests in kimono and soon they appeared in like costume wearing the boudoir caps that we had given them as favors. Then everybody was told to entertain herself just as she pleased. Some were attracted to one room because of the victrola, some to the den to catch a fleeting glimpse of magazines for which they had had no time. Others were glad of the chance to have their nails manicured by the neat little Theta, who looked so much like a maid in her black dress with its white accessories. But the one feature of the party for which all were most heartily grateful, was sleeping.

The beds with their covers turned back invitingly proved too strong a temptation. After refreshing naps we adjourned to the living-room where we were served to sensible fruit salad, wafers and chocolate, while we listened to the singing of one of our talented girls. Our freshmen always say they get better acquainted and have more real pleasure at the Theta rest party, than at any other entertainment during the whole rushing season. *Kappa*

#### A Dining Car Dinner

DOWN the sides of the dining-room we placed Japanese screens, and between the screens were small tables, six of them, accommodating four persons each. Overhead were streamers of gold and black festooned all the way across between the screens, and caught up in the center to a paper bell cord. Each table was decorated with candles shaded in gold and black, and carnations and ferns laid on the cloth; the place cards were candy filled suit-cases with the name on the tag. Across the rear end of the "dining car" was a buffet; and leaning against the buffet, as we entered, were two waiters,—black faced and white coated.

Two Thetas and two rushees were seated at each table. The dinner, consisting of five courses, was served by the two waiters, in a most prompt and efficient manner. Their identity was a source of great amusement to all the guests. Each guest was given, besides her suit-case, the flowers from the tables.

*Temple Kean, Alpha Mu*

#### A Matinee Dance

LAST fall we gave a matinée dance for our rushees. Each girl called for one new girl and acted as her escort the entire afternoon. The party was at Wilmette so we rode upon the electric car and in the short ride each one had a good chance to get acquainted with her partner.

The dance was conducted just like any other dance. We filled our partner's program and our own, in this way having



dances with all the new girls. Between dances we took them to get punch and wafers. The whole affair was informal enough for the freshmen to feel at ease and enjoy themselves. For this reason we had a better chance to judge and perhaps to be judged. *Tau*

#### A Theater Party

THE invitations were in the form of theater tickets, even to the stubs; the same wording was used as on regular tickets and the theater was called the "Theta House."

The reception hall was arranged to represent a theater and as guests arrived their tickets were taken and each was given an attractive program of the play. After going to the dressing room they were ushered to their seats where they saw the production *Lucias' lovers*—a comedy in three acts. Between the acts candy was sold and there was music with violin, cello, and piano.

After the play the guests were taken into the dining-room which was attractively decorated to represent Schrafft's, a favorite tea room. There were several tables and dainty waitresses in black dresses with white aprons served salad, coffee, ices, and cakes. *Marguerite Lux, Chi*

## ENVIRONMENT OF ALPHA RHO

### THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

The University of South Dakota, situated at Vermilion, is controlled by the state, and maintained by appropriations of the legislature. The campus is very pleasantly situated at a convenient distance from the business center of the city, and has seven main buildings.

During the past year our new library has been completed. The \$40,000 building is the gift of Mr. Carnegie and is a most important addition to the group of buildings. The last legislature appropriated a sum sufficient to make a commendable start

toward a complete furnishing of steel stacks, oak study tables and other needed accessories. This last year also saw great improvement in the girls' dormitory, East hall. The whole interior was remodeled making almost all rooms single, and adding a large, pleasant sun parlor.

The campus itself is a very pretty spot with large trees and shady walks. Liberal expenditures have been made, thus adding to the natural beauty.

Professional instruction is given in law, engineering, commerce, education, and music. This training has respect to the vocation of the student in after life, and is technical throughout.

Recognizing a liberal college education as the basis of a successful professional career, the College of arts and sciences has made especial effort to adapt its courses, not only to the needs, but also to the convenience, of those wanting to take courses in the professional colleges of the university.

The university activities center around the fraternities and student organizations. There are the Christian associations, three good literary societies, and some small clubs.

The university has student government, the Students association controlling the interests of the student body.

In athletics, South Dakota is surely winning her way to the highest ranks, especially in football, baseball, and track. Athletics are controlled by an Athletic board, composed of members from faculty and student body.

In debating there is much interest, and we have four good debates this year, with Creighton university, with Denver university, with the University of North Dakota, and with Drake university.

One lecture course of five or six numbers is offered by the Young Men's Christian association, and another musical series is offered by the College of music usually closing with a May Festival, when we have the opportunity of hearing the Minneapolis symphony orchestra, or something equally good.

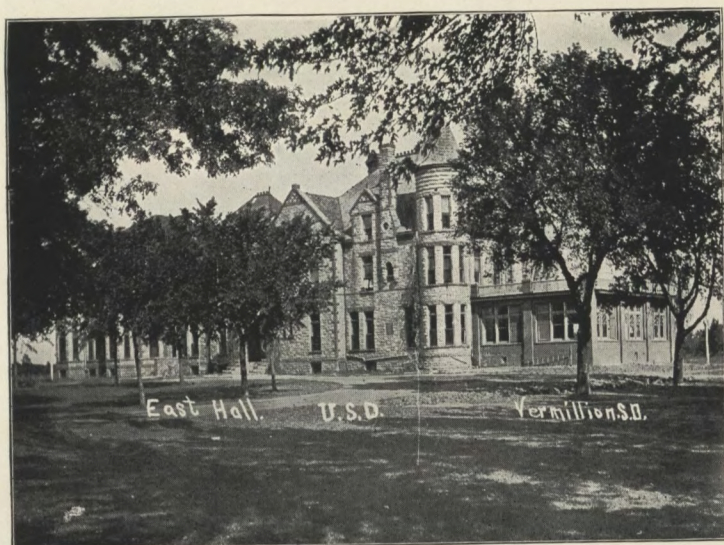




LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



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WOMEN'S DORMITORY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



MAIN HALL, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA



## FRATERNITIES IN THE UNIVERSITY

While the fraternity life in the University of South Dakota is comparatively young, an interest in this life is growing steadily, as the university grows.

The first national chapter to be granted to a South Dakota group, was Beta chapter of the law fraternity, Delta Phi Delta, which was installed in 1904.

The second national fraternity, the South Dakota Alpha of Phi Delta Theta, was installed in 1906. These men own a roomy house not far from the university campus. In 1910 P. H. P. was installed as Sigma of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. In January 1912 a chapter of the law fraternity of Phi Delta Phi was installed.

Beta Gamma, a strong local fraternity is petitioning Beta Theta Pi for a charter, and they believe with a very good chance of obtaining it.

There are only two societies for women: Alpha Xi Delta, and our own newly acquired chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Epsilon chapter of Alpha Xi Delta was installed in 1903.

If the Theta sisters all over the country, could but realize the depth of that feeling of joy and gratitude that was felt in the heart of each loyal T. B. D. when the longed-for telegram reached us, I believe they would thoroughly trust us to uphold the beautiful and inspiring ideal of Kappa Alpha Theta.

## HISTORY OF T. B. D.

The society of T. B. D. was the first social organization among the students of the University of South Dakota, and was founded in February, 1897. The thirteen charter members were all East hall girls, and announced the object of their circle to be—fun. The hearts of these girls were closely bound together with the silver cord of friendship, but this circle did not remain unchanged. The fifteen years that have passed since its beginning have taken with them many links, for each

link was a heart, and each heart was a life of which the world had need.

Still one desire dominated the members of this circle, and that was to widen their sphere of usefulness. So they turned to the fraternity world, and found their highest ideals embodied in those of Kappa Alpha Theta.

In all, one hundred and one girls have signed the constitution. T. B. D. has maintained for fourteen years an active existence, and during all this time its members have been leaders among the women of the university.

The five years of petitioning were years of alternate anxiety and hope, but thorough firmness to the one purpose of wearing the kite, has brought its reward. T. B. D. whose motto for years past has been

"Truth to be and not to seem,  
Beauty in life and character,  
Development into the perfect womanhood—"

brings like loyalty to the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta.

*Florence Chaney, Alpha Rho*

## ALPHA RHO IN RETROSPECT

A month after the installation of Alpha Rho, there lingers the memory of a strong, closely knit group of girls whose love and loyalty to T. B. D. during the sixteen years of its existence and whose six years of working for the coveted charter of Kappa Alpha Theta had fully fitted them to enter the wider field of national organization. The alumnae, many of whom live in the town of Vermilion, keep in close touch with the interests of the active chapter and were no less enthusiastic in planning for the future. Before the installation was fairly over, plans for forming an alumnae chapter were being discussed.

Everywhere was manifest a spirit of unselfish consideration and cordiality toward the guests, a desire for the advancement



of Theta rather than individual preference in the chapter life, and an active interest in outside affairs which explains at a glance the leadership of T. B. D. in the life of the university, as well as the hearty welcome with which the new organization was received by faculty and students alike. And even apart from those of the university circle, the towns people of Vermilion showed a helpful interest and pride which was gratifying not alone to the girls who so richly deserved it, but also to those of us who had come to install the chapter.

We congratulate the fraternity—the girls of Alpha Rho are indeed true Thetas. *Julia Hainer, Rho*

## A NEW CHAPTER HOUSE, CHI'S

May 1, Chi will move into her own home; an attractive and dignified house facing Walnut park, one of the most delightful residential sections of the city and only a block and a half from the campus. Conservative estimates place the value of the property at \$20,000 without furnishings. On the first floor are a reception room, large hall, two big parlors, a den, dining-room, kitchen and three pantries. There are eleven good bedrooms so that we can easily accommodate twenty girls. The whole interior is beautifully finished in solid oak and the walls are all finished in oil, so that we will have no papering to bother us. Everything seems to be ideal and when Mr. Girvin, the owner, entertained us last week, we literally "raved" over everything—including the coal bins and the furnace fire. It is heated by hot air and hot water and is well-lighted by electricity. On the rear there are two large, glass-inclosed porches, steam-heated, so that we can sleep there the year around. With every turn, we find something new to delight us and when we begin to tell about it, we do not know how to stop. We can only urge all of our own alumnae, and all others as well, to come soon and see us in our own home.

Like so many other chapters who have either built or pur-

chased houses, our scheme is that of a stock company, with shares at \$25 each. The chapter itself took ten shares, so as to be represented on the Board of directors. The alumnae also own several shares. We cannot tell you how much we owe to the work of Nu alumnae and to the interest and help of our alumnae throughout the country. We can only express our appreciation by making Chi worthy of the beautiful new home she has.

Throughout our business ventures, we have been advised and assisted by an advisory committee of prominent business men who are Theta husbands and fathers. To them also we are very grateful.

*Bessie Wands, '12.*



## COLLEGE NEWS

Final examinations at the University of Nebraska were abolished by a decree of the senate (all full professors on the faculty) in June 1911,—the rule to become operative September 1911. "In taking this radical action, the professors deemed it advisable, in order to insure a better standard of regular class work, that there should be less "cramming" at the end of the semester, and a system of grading which would show more accurately the actual knowledge of the student rather than his ability to jam facts into his head in preparation for a single ordeal of questions."

Only two states, Nevada and Arizona, have no national college fraternity or sorority in any institution.

The forty-seventh general assembly of Illinois appropriated for the University of Illinois for the coming biennium sums amounting to \$3,519,300. This was said to be the largest appropriation ever made by a state legislature to an educational institution, and a million and a quarter larger than the largest appropriation ever before made to the University of Illinois. The general assembly not only recognized the immediate needs of the university, but it made provision for the future by levying a one mill tax for its continual support. In addition to the \$3,519,300, the university will receive, from the Federal government and other sources, funds that will bring its income to about \$2,000,000 per annum for the biennium beginning July 1, 1911.

Indiana State University has seven alumni serving as presidents of colleges. Last year the university was admitted to the Carnegie foundation and received a Phi Beta Kappa charter.

A comparison of the registration figures at the various large universities compiled to date show the registration of students

as follows: Columbia, 7,429; Chicago, 6,466; Minnesota, 5,965; Wisconsin, 5,538; Pennsylvania, 5,389; Michigan, 5,381; Cornell, 5,104; Illinois, 5,118; Harvard, 5,028; Nebraska, 4,624; California, 3,450; Missouri, 3,141; Iowa, 2,090.

The following tables were recently issued by Dean Clark for the University of Illinois. The record includes approximately 2,500 men and 600 women.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AVERAGES.

|                                  | 1909-'10. | 1910-'11. |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| All men .....                    | 81.21     | 81.78     |
| All women .....                  | 85.53     | 84.09     |
| Fraternity men .....             | 79.30     | 79.40     |
| Nonfraternity men .....          | 81.77     | 82.27     |
| Sorority women .....             | 83.50     | 84.29     |
| Nonsorority women .....          | 86.15     | 84.53     |
| Grand average men and women..... | 82.11     | 82.23     |

#### GREEK LETTER FRATERNITIES.

|                       | 1909-'10. | 1910-'11. |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Highest average ..... | 82.27     | 82.11     |
| Lowest average .....  | 73.26     | 76.09     |

#### LOCAL CLUBS (MEN).

|                       |       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Highest average ..... | 86.36 | 84.40 |
| Lowest average .....  | 77.53 | 77.47 |

#### SORORITIES.

|                       |       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| Highest average ..... | 85.45 | 85.88 |
| Lowest average .....  | 81.56 | 79.56 |



## Διαλεγώμεθα

### *Failures and Remedies*

**I**N the majority of our chapters the vice-president has few assigned duties, except during the absence of the too frequently over-worked president. Yet the former is usually one of the most reliable members of the chapter. Without imposing too much upon her therefore, she might be made responsible for checking up the work of other officers. She should know the dates upon which all reports, journal material, dues etc. are to be sent out, and she should find out whether the officers directly responsible have done this work on time. If she did so, we might be spared the spectacle of four missing chapter letters in a single number of the journal.

These missing letters in our March issue, and the certainty that many of the letters published came only after collect telegrams had been repeatedly sent by the editor, force us to consider the fairest as well as the most effective means of obtaining prompt attention to fraternity obligations on the part of the local officers. The record of officers, especially of the editors for this year is exceptionally poor, and is not I believe a just reflection of the efficiency of the chapters. According to the published record of our editor-in-chief, only 5 letters for January were received when due; 9 were received more than fifteen days late, and then only after collect telegrams had been sent. Now if this represents the average efficiency of the chapter members, Kappa Alpha Theta may as well retire to a back seat at once. But it does not. As I heard an ex-editor remark not long ago, "Why when it was college papers of course I never thought of being late, but with chapter letters you just sort of wait for inspiration."

The chapter as a whole is rarely to blame for the procrastination of its officers but the only way by which the Council can focus the attention of the chapter on these delinquents is to levy

a fine on the whole chapter which seems on the face of it an unfair proceeding. And one which the Council is reluctant to resort to, knowing that most chapters just manage to make ends meet without such an additional burden. However when the Council is driven to impose such a fine on a chapter, the chapter should in turn require that the delinquent officers pay the fine, in proportion to their responsibility. In the case of missing journal material, the fine should be divided in just proportions between the delinquent editor, and the president who failed to call for a reading of the letter in the chapter meeting preceding the date such material should have been sent out. This reading of the chapter letter as required in the by-laws, is the evidence which the president and chapter have that the work has been done. Neglect to observe this check is no doubt partially to blame for recent failures.

If then the vice-presidents are made "follow-up" officers, and fines imposed on chapters by the Council are transferred to those officers, who are severally to blame we may hope for more efficient service. Will you try it chapters? *C. W. S.*

#### *Alpha Theta's Plea*

THERE are few chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta as far away from the center of our fraternity life as Alpha Theta. Few of our sister chapters can realize how isolated we are and how we long to enjoy that personal, intimate contact of which we have not had more than a mere glimpse since the day of our installation, eight years ago.

Only one or two in our present chapter have had the rare good luck of seeing a Grand Officer with a kite on her left shoulder, but each year we meet them wearing arrows and keys and shields. There is always one somewhere in the neighborhood whose "pink tea" we go to and whose morsels of information and inspiration we devour eagerly. Knowing and talking with other grand officers, however, does not aid us in getting an insight into Theta's national ideas and customs,



and we cannot confide our joys, sorrows, perplexities and inspirations to them.

We do not wish to leave the impression that we feel grossly neglected, because we believe that our Grand council has our interests as much at heart as those of any sister chapter; nor to leave the impression that we do not approve of the present district arrangement. Our District president has filled her office most efficiently and has been a real inspiration, but our whole district is too far away from things to catch the real wave of enthusiasm which sweeps through our whole fraternity. The methods of other chapters are lost to us because we have no live, wide-awake, connecting link. Each issue of the Journal gives glowing accounts of the visits of Grand Officers to near by chapters and we understand that those are chance visits and that we, too, could enjoy these if we were nearer.

The reason which has been given time again is lack of money and financial conditions, but when other women's fraternities of not near the strength and prestige of Kappa Alpha Theta can afford to send a visiting delegate to all their chapters regularly, we begin to wonder if there is not some way for us to manage this problem. We have not been able to inquire into the financial arrangements of other fraternities but we are trying to work out a solution for ourselves.

We believe that we are worthy of our Thetahood. We have gained strength, prestige and financial status without the personal aid of a single Grand council member, and this we do not say in a self laudatory way for we realize that we could be stronger. We have maintained a chapter house for the past seven years and now own a \$2,000 lot on which we expect soon to build our own home. More than this, we have overcome the two year's prestige which both Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi possessed, and now rank along with and above them. Alpha Theta needs help, that can only come from the very heart and core of our national fraternity life.

*Fannie Preston*

*A Federation of College Clubs*

**A** MOVEMENT that will doubtless be of much interest to college women over the country,—and we trust to many Thetas,—was inaugurated a few weeks ago by the College women's club of Columbus, Ohio.

We have long felt that college women generally might be a great power in our land if organized in a national body.

We realize that the field of higher education for women is not covered by any organization. So it was with a view to systematize and further the discussion of women's education,—to provide a common standard of admission to College clubs,—to provide a means for the interchange of ideas as well as an interchange of courtesies, that the Columbus club undertook the task of working toward a National federation of college women's clubs.

Miss Edith D. Cockins, our Grand treasurer for ten years, is the president of our local College women's club—and it was with her that the idea of a National federation originated. The matter has been pushed since last fall through a Federation committee of our own club.

We have had correspondence with the college women's clubs of some of Ohio's larger cities and have found they shared with us the hope of a National federation.

On March 16 official representatives from Cleveland, Dayton, Oxford and Columbus clubs held a conference in Columbus. A delegate expected from Cincinnati was unable to come. The officers of the Columbus club, its Federation committee and the chairmen of its various committees were asked to join with these representatives in their conference. After a most interesting discussion it was finally decided that the various clubs represented would join in a call to the College women's clubs of the United States to form a National federation.

Mrs. William Oxley Thompson, chairman of the Columbus federation committee, was made State Chairman, Mrs. Willard Beahar of Cleveland, secretary-treasurer, and Miss Edith D.



Cockins was made chairman of the Extension committee and asked to take charge of the correspondence, et cetera, incident to the issuing of the national call. It is hoped that a meeting of delegates representing every part of the country will convene in Chicago this coming summer at the time the National educational association holds its meeting there in July.

We hope that Thetas everywhere will take an interest in this movement and will do what they can through the College women's clubs with which they are associated to make this undertaking a success. *Grace Eagleson, Epsilon alumnae*

### *Personal Responsibility*

AT Swarthmore, as probably at a great many other colleges, there has been a growing tendency to treat the subject of fraternities with the utmost frankness, to handle it with gloves off, as it were. A large number of the students, fraternity or non-fraternity, are very deeply interested in determining, apart from their emotional prejudices or desires one way or the other, whether or not this particular form of college organization really justifies its own existence. As we who are members of a fraternity discuss cold-bloodedly the influence of our fraternities upon ourselves and upon the rest of the student body, with persons who have never felt the thrill of loyalty and love for a fraternity but who judge them absolutely by their visible effect on college life, we realize more and more that they must be judged by their tangible results. It is all very well for us to believe with our whole hearts that fraternities are right and therefore should exist, but this sincere faith will count for very little toward keeping fraternities in our colleges unless definite *facts* can be cited to prove that their existence is an actual benefit. In two debates recently on this subject, between Swarthmore and Dickinson colleges, the side affirming that "fraternities as now existing are detrimental to the best interests of the academic world" won in both cases, simply because the nega-

tives had not the material to back up their points, which in themselves were undoubtedly better.

To draw the moral from all this, we must be very careful that we do not forget the very important fact that it is not the abstract statement of the ideals of our fraternity and the dwelling upon these ideals in our thoughts, but the much more earthly and difficult task of putting them into effect, that counts. We must keep our marks up so that it can never be proved that the scholarship of non-fraternity girls is higher than that of fraternity members; we must go in for all worth-while college activities with an earnestness that will leave no room for the accusation that we put college second to anything; we must always watch that we do not allow the purely social side of our college lives to grow at the expense of the intellectual, so that the fraternity can never be said to promote merely social pleasures; and above all we must keep ourselves so broad in our friendships and in our tolerance that the worst of all accusations can never be made against us,—that we fraternity girls are snobs. Let each Theta remember always that on her actions depends a large part of the future of fraternities.

#### *Y. W. C. A. Work*

IT is frequently asserted that fraternity members take small interest in the work of the Young Women's Christian association. To weigh facts in the light of this assertion we have been gathering data as to the activity of our members in this valuable part of college life. Eleven chapters are unrepresented in the following summary—no reports having come from them at the time of writing. Bearing in mind that this article deals with our Young Women's Christian association work in but twenty-two colleges, in each of which we are but a small fraction of the student body, it seems perfectly fair to assert that in each of these colleges Kappa Alpha Theta is taking her full share of such responsibilities.



In six colleges Thetas are serving as president of Young Women's Christian association—at Indiana, Vermont, Goucher, Washington (St. Louis), Adelphi, and North Dakota. There are three college associations whose secretaries are Thetas, Vermont, Stanford, and Swarthmore; while to three such associations we have furnished the present treasurer, Kansas, Vermont, and Syracuse. Besides these officers, we have the following additional Cabinet membership—De Pauw, 1; Illinois, 1; Vermont, 4; Allegheny, 2; Toronto, 1; Minnesota, 1; Stanford, 2; Montana, 2; Oklahoma, 1; North Dakota, 1—sixteen in all.

Then there are ninety-seven other Thetas serving as members of important committees—some as chairmen. Three of these are active at De Pauw, three at Indiana, six at Illinois, five at Kansas, ten at Vermont, six at Allegheny, four at Northwestern, nine at Minnesota, two at Stanford, fourteen at Syracuse, four at Swarthmore, two at Goucher, six at Barnard, five at Texas, three at Washington (St. Louis), four at Missouri, one at Adelphi, six at Washington state, one at Oklahoma, and three at North Dakota.

Thus out of an active membership of three hundred and fifty-eight, one hundred and twenty-five, or more than a third, are Young Women's Christian association officers or committee members, while many more Thetas are faithful members of the associations—many chapters reporting all members as enrolled in this association.

It is interesting to note in passing that each of these Young Women's Christian association workers is also active in other phases of college life, that is, these Theta Young Women's Christian association workers are all-round, efficient college students.

Beside these college workers, there are a number of Thetas engaged in general Young Women's Christian association work. At three colleges the resident secretary is a Theta: Mildred Jones, Tau, at Indiana; Grace Nash, Alpha Theta, at Wis-

consin; Mary Hutchins, Phi, at Stanford. Among city secretaries are Margaret Anderson, Sigma, in Vancouver, B. C.; Susan Barnwell, Phi, in Los Angeles; Katharine Lindsay, Alpha Delta, in Baltimore.

Among national workers are Florence Simms; Oolooah Burner and Ethel McWhirter Wise, all of Alpha; Inez Kinney, Epsilon.

## THE PASSING OF ALPHA EPSILON

### ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

During the years since 1897, when Alpha Epsilon first began to represent Kappa Alpha Theta in Brown university, the chapter has been a strong factor in the social life of the Women's college. In that time over a hundred girls have been initiated. Kappa Alpha Theta has had practically no opposition in its choice of members and its girls have for the most part been leaders both in scholarship and in college organizations. Out of the dozen or so girls who have served as Presidents of the Student government association, nearly half have been Thetas. In fifteen years we have had over twenty girls who have made Phi Beta Kappa. It was a Theta who was the first girl in the Women's college to make Sigma Xi. Not only have the girls individually been active workers in the college, but the chapter as a whole has tried to serve Brown in every way that it could. At the time the Sayles gymnasium was built, Kappa Alpha Theta contributed \$300 towards its erection. In memory of Ida Waite, one of the founders of Alpha Epsilon, it presented to the college an excellent cast of the *Winged victory of Samothrace*. Just recently, Kappa Alpha Theta has furnished a room for the use of the guests of the college in the new dormitory, Miller hall. Kappa Alpha Theta has entertained its friends at a dance every other year, as it is customary for all the fraternities to do. Last year it took the initiative and included in its invitations the entire college. The chapter



has always sought to make the college the more united and the more democratic for its existence. All this it has done gladly, only feeling that it was no more than what it owed in loyalty to the college where, until within the last few years, it has found a kindly home.

It is pleasant for those of us who have been forced to see the withdrawal of Kappa Alpha Theta from Brown this year, to look back upon what Kappa Alpha Theta has done for the college and what it has always stood for. At least we are going out with a fine, clean record, and even in this dark year there have been some bright spots. We have been brought into such close connection with the Grand council that it has given us a deeper feeling of our mutual interest than we had ever known before. Everywhere we have come to know the Thetas better. It has been our great good fortune to receive delightful visits from Katharine Lindsay, Alpha Delta, Elaine Jones, Alpha Eta, Leotta Van Vliet, Psi, and Letitia Blakey, Kappa, and they have all made us feel even more glad than before that we are Thetas and that no one can take that privilege away from us. We are sure that no Thetas have ever realized more keenly than we the strength of the bond which unites Thetas the country over. We can only wish that in years to come the Theta bond will grow even firmer and hold all hearts in a still closer loyalty. *Hazel M. Fowler*

#### THE FRATERNITY'S LOSS

Alpha Epsilon has surrendered her charter and Kappa Alpha Theta formally withdrew from Brown University, April 20, 1912. This college, you will recall, issued an edict in December, 1911 that there should be no further initiations by the chapters of women's fraternities at Brown—an edict that Kappa Alpha Theta, both locally and nationally, thinks was in itself unjustified and in its method of promulgation neither frank nor fair.

Alpha Epsilon with a fine spirit of loyalty and a fine feeling for the dignity and integrity of the fraternity nationally, has

chosen to withdraw now rather than to wait until 1913 when, by graduation, all members would have left Brown. This decision has the hearty support of District president and Grand council.

To Kappa Alpha Theta the loss of our splendid chapter at Brown is a great sorrow, but we are glad and proud to claim the loyal allegiance of all those who, through Alpha Epsilon initiation, now wear the kite. *Grand council of Kappa Alpha Theta.*

### FOOT NOTES

An interesting organization is the Intercollegiate bureau of occupations—a co-operative organization of alumnae of eastern colleges. This agency aims to aid employers in search of efficient workers, and educated women in search of the best vocational opportunities. Its registry includes college women seeking employment in any field except teaching—a field already cared for by numerous agencies. As further aims, it has the investigation of present conditions of women's work, the development of new opportunities, the establishment of close connections with the colleges, and the giving of information to undergraduates as to equipment for different vocations. It aims to aid in every possible way a wise choice of an occupation and an adequate preparation for its demands. The main bureau is at 38 West 32nd street, New York city. A branch to be established in Philadelphia will be in charge of May K. Flannery, Alpha Beta.

Margaret Snodgrass, Beta, was one of the successful contestants in the recent Vacation prize contest of Collier's weekly. *A school-ma'am's summer surveying in Colorado*, is the title of Miss Snodgrass's article.

Two personally conducted European parties will be in charge of Thetas this summer. Mrs. Cora Campbell Barnett,



Gamma, will lead a party, under the management of the Temple tours, through the Riviera, Sweden, and Norway. Miss Abbie Finley Potts, Iota and president of Alpha Alpha district, with Mrs. L. M. Underwood, mother of Helen Underwood Osborn, Iota, will conduct a private party limited to ten members. This three months' tour will be through England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, France, and Belgium.

Lucille Baldwin Van Slyke, Chi, had a story, *The thing called play*, in *Collier's Weekly*, February 24, 1912. The story deals with the Syrian children of Brooklyn—a type which Mrs. Van Slyke introduced to readers through a series of stories in *McClure's magazine*.

Mrs. Jeanette Carpenter Lincoln, Ohio Gamma and Delta affiliate, is the author of *The festival book*, published in March by the A. S. Barnes Company of New York.

"*The festival book* is the result of a wide study of old May-day pastimes and customs, and the experience gained in adapting them and actually presenting them at May-day fêtes. A large body of material is brought together in this book, conveniently arranged, and supplied with music, diagrams of the figures, sketches of costumes, working drawings of 'stage properties,' and—most important of all—many photographs of groups of dancers in action in full costume. In addition to the traditional May-day dances, revels, and pantomimes, a number of the best folk dances of other nationalities have been introduced. All directions are explicit, clearly stated, and easily followed."

## EDITORIALS

“THE SPRING-FRET” is not on friendly terms with books and laboratories. All around, new life comes forth in a riot of color and sound which makes prosaic work and planning seem discordant notes. Yet, like the returning-birds, you must fill these dream-inviting hours with work to insure that “the road is clear before you.” Commencement puts our seniors “on the other side the world” of college. May this new life acknowledge that for you, Seniors, college has been worth while! There is no “other side the world” in the fraternity; or, rather, the other side—the alumnae—needs your interest as much as did the college side. Join an alumnae chapter (if you are near one); subscribe for the *Jorunal* and the *Bi-monthly*; own a Song book and a Handbook; plan to attend convention; write frequently to your chapter; visit every chapter at every opportunity. Thus will you give to Kappa Alpha Theta as Kappa Alpha Theta has given (and will continue to give) to you.

JOYS AND SORROWS crowd upon each other. Our history this spring is filled with these warring elements—of which we note the most prominent. First is the joy and pleasure in welcoming Alpha Rho to our roll. Then the sorrow and regret at losing Alpha Epsilon from that roll. Last, the pride and rejoicing over Chi’s phenomenally successful house-fund campaign, which adds another beautiful chapter-house to our property, insures the best of honors for future Chi’s, and demonstrates the unity and efficiency of present active and alumnae Chi.

NEXT FALL will see your chapter harvesting the results of this spring’s planning. If the fall rush spells confusion and over-wrought, worn-out girls, the fault will be your failure to plan well *now*. If next year sees your chapter poorly officered, and misjudged by the fraternity at large because of a



dilatory secretary, or because of an ungrammatical, indifferent editor, you—upperclassmen of today—must shoulder the responsibility since you failed to secure your chapter's future by electing the right girl to the right office.

“CAMPS OF PROVED DESIRE and known delight” is our holiday wish for you all. We appreciate the cordial help and cheering words you have sent us this year. We hope that “volume twenty-six” has given you some enjoyment. We trust that you will welcome “volume twenty-seven” with a paid-up subscription.

## NOTICES

Subscribers: If there is a renewal-slip in your copy of this issue your subscription has expired. Please renew *promptly* even though the next *Journal* does not appear until November, for upon prompt renewals depend the size and character of that November issue. For two years so large a proportion of the subscribers, whose expiration month is May, failed to renew at all—largely, we believe, because of the feeling that “there is lots of time before the next *Journal* appears”—that the magazine has been handicapped in many ways. Please don't join this long list of “dead subscriptions” but RENEW NOW.

The Editor will be glad to hear from any one having an extra copy of the March 1911 *Journal*, as three copies are needed to complete archive files.

Seniors, and others not returning to college next year, your three years' subscription to the *Journal* is due. Send it in early—with every such new subscription received before August 1, next year's *Bi-monthlies* will be sent as a premium. One dollar a year, or fifteen dollars for a life subscription, is the price of the *Journal*.

Song books. The new edition is ready for distribution. Price fifty cents a copy. Send orders, prepaid, to Mrs. C. B. Whittier, 5601 Woodlawn avenue, Chicago.

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## CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNÆ NEWS

### ALPHA ALUMNÆ—GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

Greetings from Alpha alumnae to every Theta far and near.

A year has passed since Alpha alumnae's budget of news has found its way to the Journal so now let me tell you all something of the pleasant occasions which we have enjoyed during these months.

On the evening of December 19 we entertained the active chapter at a Christmas party. For a number of years past it has been the custom for the alumnae to entertain the active girls one year, and the active girls the alumnae the next, so this year it was our turn to act as hostesses. The home of Mrs. McGaughey was thrown open for the occasion and the fifty or more Thetas who gathered together there spent a most happy time. The first part of the evening was spent in singing the songs we all love best and enjoying one another's company to the fullest extent while the later part was chiefly occupied by a "real for sure" Santa Claus who robbed the large tree of its gifts, distributing them among the active girls.

The March meeting of the club is "Letter Day" when we receive news from our absent members and this year we enjoyed ten good letters coming to us from Ohio, Illinois, Texas, Pennsylvania, and of course our own state. One from whom we ordinarily expect a letter was with us in person this year—Karoline Hammond of San Diego, California. She is on her way abroad and we were all so glad to have a little visit from her and especially at this time. Another feature of "Letter Day" this year was a handkerchief shower given as a surprise to Lorene Crouch '09, who is to become the Easter bride of Mr. Herman Blanche, ex-'08, a member of Beta Theta Pi. A supposed telegram addressed to Miss Crouch from Washington, D. C. was read, being worded like this, "Although there is a big wash out on the line we'll all be there" and signed,



Theta alumnae club. Then a clothes-line composed of ribbon in the Theta and Beta colors was brought in with each handkerchief fastened on by a tiny clothes-pin, and we all enjoyed the merriment as the "bride-to-be" took down her wash. We shall greatly miss Miss Crouch but rejoice for her and wish her all the happiness possible.

Now we are all looking forward to commencement in June as this is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of De Pauw and great preparations are being made to make it a memorable occasion. We as Thetas are hoping to have a great reunion at that time. Letters are being sent to all Alpha alumnae urging each to be present and already we have heard of a number who intend coming. Our reunions at commencement have always been delightful times but we hope to make this one even more so.

23 March 1912

*Ruth B. Post.*

BETA ALUMNAE—MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

Meeting every second Friday afternoon of the month, as the alumnae association does, at the chapter house, its life is so closely interwoven with that of Upsilon that few if any events of importance happen during the year that are not regularly chronicled in the letters written by the correspondent of the active chapter.

Since Beta alumnae's last letter was written, the fraternity has bought its own house, pledges for the purchase price, \$10,000, having been secured and enough paid on it at present to put it on a very sound and encouraging financial basis. The alumnae undertook the financial burden of this work and nine of them serve as directors of the corporation. The house is located on Tenth Avenue southeast, the most beautiful street on the east side of Minneapolis, boasting the finest homes, including that of the present president of the university, President Vincent, and that of our former president, President

Northrop. It is going to be the coming and exclusive "fraternity row."

The annual banquet, the one event of the year which brings the active and alumnae chapters so closely together, took place January 27 at the Hotel Leamington and covers were placed for seventy-six, the largest number ever seated at a banquet in our history. Previous to the banquet an all-day meeting was held at the house with out of town and local Thetas. Mrs. H. L. Wilson entertained the members of the board at luncheon at her home, the guest of honor being Mrs. Vincent, wife of the president. Three out of town Thetas were with us that day, Margaret Moore Spicer, Willmar, Jessie Nichols Hoyt, Duluth, and Katrena Manson Curran, Mankato.

Of course we had our house warming, that event taking place in November, active and alumnae members and parents coming together for an informal evening. The active chapter furnished the entertainment. The Christmas gifts of the alumnae chapter to the house this year were table linen—hemmed at our meetings—and Oriental rugs.

Another social affair of the year was the party arranged March 18 in honor of Florence and Katherine Pond, who leave for an indefinite stay abroad, also for Audrey Holman Saxton, who with her husband leaves soon to make her home in Denver, and for Mrs. Bangs of Grand Forks, patroness of Alpha Pi chapter. Over sixty were present.

*Genevieve Jackson Boughner*

GAMMA ALUMNAE—NEW YORK CITY

Letter not on hand April 15, 1912.

DELTA ALUMNAE—CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The March meeting of Delta alumnae was an important one for we held the election of officers for the coming year and also were favored with the presence of several distinguished guests. As to the election, all officers of the past year, with



the exception of the treasurer, Louise Ludden Dixon, (who said she would be unable to serve again) were continued in their duties. Edith Roberts Weeks was chosen to succeed Mrs. Dixon. The secretary reported several new names on the book this year, the most recent being **Jane Mather Gustafson**, Delta '08, Edith Rice Swain, Eta '98, and Grace Holmes, Eta '06. Miss Holmes is teaching in the University school for girls.

Thanks to several fortunate circumstances Delta alumnae was able to meet two Grand council members and two district presidents at the March luncheon. Eva R. Hall is our special Grand council member, for she is always present at Delta alumnae meetings, showing her interest and loyalty by coming from her home, sixty miles away, to be present at every luncheon. Owing to the installation of the new chapter at Vermilion, S. D., Miss Green was in this vicinity and stopped in Chicago and Evanston for a few days on her homeward trip. Ruth Haynes Carpenter, president of Delta Alpha district also arrived in Chicago in time for the luncheon. She had just started on her between-convention visit to the three most southern chapters of her district, Psi, Tau and Delta. Charlotte Walker Stone, president of Beta Beta district, was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Eastman at Kenilworth, so she was able to come to our luncheon too. You may be sure we felt much honored to have so many of the national workers of Kappa Alpha Theta with us at one time and to be able to become at least slightly acquainted with them. We wish it might be possible that our national officers could be a kind of travelling bureau, so that we might all get to know them personally.

After the luncheon in town, as many of Delta alumnae as could go, went to Evanston to the charming home of Elizabeth Bonnel Williams where she entertained at an informal tea. We had a splendid opportunity to meet most of the active Tau girls and several of Psi alumnae. Mrs. Williams surely deserves many thanks for giving her guests the opportunity to spend so pleasant an afternoon.

In closing Delta alumnae extends cordial greetings to the new chapter at Vermilion.

29 March 1912

*Louise S. Wagner*

EPSILON ALUMNAE—COLUMBUS, OHIO

Epsilon alumnae has done nothing unusual during the past year. We have held our business meetings and spreads at the homes of the members the first Saturday evening of each month—and these gatherings are always well attended.

We have over forty members this year and they are enthusiastic, active members, too.

Announcement of the engagements of four of our members has been made. Alice Marsh is to be married to Archie Scott, Phi Delta Theta, this month. Lucia Bargar will also be married this month—April 8 to Mr. William Little. Alice Arnold Thacker, our delegate to the California convention, and Lloyd Morris are to be married in June. Jane Huntington, who now lives in Cleveland, will be married to Mr. Hugh Bone at the home of her grandfather in Columbus in June.

Mrs. Edna Luse McCloskey of Brazil came to the United States last fall and has spent the winter with her parents in Columbus. She hopes to return home accompanied by her two small daughters this spring.

1 April 1912

*Grace Eagleson*

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Zeta alumnae is enjoying an unusually happy and prosperous year. Around a dozen different colleges are represented in our membership roll of seventy-one names. Happily, too, the members all really endeavor to be present at each monthly meeting so that our average attendance, despite rain and snow, children and house-hold cares, has numbered between forty and fifty.

The meetings are primarily social in aim. Of course, however, business of some sort always claims a little time and



interesting discussions of fraternity questions hold us for a half-hour or so. The year began formally with a delightful President's Day luncheon at the home of our president, Mrs. Mary O'Hair Hitz. At the December meeting Gamma active and we ourselves were royally entertained in the home of Mrs. Minnie Clark Mick by a play written by two of our own members, Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb and Mrs. Josephine Pittman Scribner. Throughout the year our convention delegate, Miss Mary Snodgrass, has delighted and inspired us with news of the big, wonderful California meeting last summer, but she gave us a yet clearer idea of the fun there when, at our March stunt party, she directed a reproduction of the very clever rendering of *Romeo and Juliet* in popular songs.

The three Indiana college chapters are represented among us in large numbers, but even were that not true we should still welcome most enthusiastically every opportunity to meet their members. Two such opportunities have there been for us this year. One was at the Theta dance given March 9 in the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis. A very large beautiful party it certainly was; that it was so very successful in every respect was due to the management of Miss Lois Brown. Our other state gathering was at the Founders'-day luncheon in the new Hume-Mansur roof garden of Indianapolis. One hundred and eighty-two Thetas assembled that noon, Thetas now active in college, or in our own alumnae chapter, or women so loyal to Theta that they came from all parts of the state for this gathering. Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw was with us, too, and happy and proud we were indeed to hear from one of our fraternity Founders.

One party more we must mention, the reception which the Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae of Indianapolis gave March 2 to all fraternity women in the city. We were proud to wear their letters that afternoon and very glad to meet the members of the many other fraternities represented.

To all other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, active and

alumnae, Zeta alumnae sends her best wishes for a happy summer and for a very joyful and prosperous next year!

25 March 1912

*Hope Davis*

ETA ALUMNAE—BURLINGTON, VT.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

THETA ALUMNAE—PHILADELPHIA

It is with pleasure that Theta alumnae again sends greetings to sister chapters through the pages of our beloved JOURNAL. In fact our interest in this year's meetings, together with the pleasure and instruction we have all derived from them, makes us anxious to have you hear from us.

During this year we have followed the same plan for our meetings that last year was so successfully begun. We meet monthly at the homes of our members, having previously accepted from our hostess her invitation to stay for a deliciously prepared and beautifully served supper, after the meeting is over. With few and infrequent exceptions we all stay to make the occasion as perfect a social gathering as we could well have. With this ample provision for our social development, we devote the two hours of our meeting to good work. Last year our time was given to convention subjects. As a result the convention reports were no uninteresting documents to us this year. We received them eagerly and discussed different phases of them at the first three of our meetings. Forgive us for just here giving vent to our pride by saying that we did feel terribly proud to welcome back our delegate to convention as the Grand president of our fraternity! At the remainder of our meetings for this year, with the exception of one at which we discussed the place of the fraternity in the college and its relation to college life, we have been taking up a few of the questions of live interest to women; such as, woman suffrage, the work of woman's vocational bureaus, summer camps for girls, *et cetera*.



As usual we had our Founders'-day tea at the college club rooms. Delightful new rooms they were to us this year, as the college club has moved, since our last year's tea, to new and more spacious quarters.

In closing we urge that every Theta coming to Philadelphia or vicinity let Theta alumnae know of her whereabouts. We can be of mutual benefit to each other.

4 April 1912

*Jenney Gilbert Kerlin*

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The past year for Iota alumnae has been an exceedingly pleasant one, full of convention reminiscences. Our work has been largely along the line of Scholarship fund. Since convention everyone knows our hobby. Notices are out for the fifty cents per capita due from each alumnae chapter. We feel sure that the fund will be considerably augmented by this contribution, as many will respond even more generously.

One of our members, Miss Sue Barnwell, who is a prominent officer of the local Young Women's Christian association, is doing splendid work among the factory and shop girls of our city. In a recent extensive campaign for funds she also distinguished herself.

For our April meeting Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Elizabeth Whitcomb have invited us for an all day session at their Hermosa Beach cottage. With plenty of clam chowder, and sisters to look after the babies, we anticipate a delightful day.

19 March 1912

*Ray Hanna*

KAPPA ALUMNAE—PITTSBURG, PA.

Kappa alumnae has had a very pleasant year under the leadership of Helen More Lanpher (Mrs. E. E.) Alpha Beta. Meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at the homes of the members. We have had no special program for the year. Two meetings were devoted to reports from the convention. Mary Boss, Alpha Delta, was our delegate, and a most splendid

one, too. Her reports were so interesting and entertaining that we almost felt like we had been there ourselves. She brought back with her much of the enthusiasm and spirit of the convention and especially in connection with the Scholarship fund. Our incoming president, Leola Vancil Randal, (Mrs. K. C.) Rho, has already planned to make the fund our special hobby for next year, and whatever she attempts, she is sure to do.

We celebrated Founders'-day with a banquet at the Rillen house. There were twenty-four of us with twelve chapters represented, Mu claimed twelve of the twenty-four. We were small in number but large in spirit.

At our last meeting in April, we met with Blanche Klengen Smith, Mu, in McKeesport. We were fortunate to have our District president, Charlotte Walker Stone, with us, who told a great many interesting things. After meeting Mrs. Stone and listening to her, one can see why she means so much to Kappa Alpha Theta, nationally and locally. There were other visitors whom we were very glad to have with us.

Kappa alumnae sends greetings to all her Theta sisters and may you all, active and alumnae, have a happy vacation and come back with renewed zeal for next year's work.

#### MU ALUMNAE—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Our membership has changed considerably since last spring. It is lovely to have Mrs. Herbert Oakes (Harriet Waller, Eta) who moved to Cleveland from Detroit, and Nettie Gehring (Eta, ex-'10), join the chapter, but we regret that Mrs. F. P. Bachman (Jane Harris, Eta), Mrs. John Goheen and Evelyn Lucas, both of Epsilon, have gone so far away. Mr. Bachman is engaged in research work along educational lines in New York city, Mr. and Mrs. Goheen and Miss Lucas in missionary work in the far East.

The meetings have been held regularly once a month as usual. Founders'-day was celebrated on the day itself with a



delightful luncheon at the rooms of the Cleveland women's club. A centerpiece of daffodils on the round table and the fourteen butterfly favors fashioned out of yellow ribbon, at each plate, produced a pretty, sunshiny effect.

Between courses an interesting announcement was made by means of telegrams, which were startling until discovered to have been sent by a certain Dan Cupid. The second telegram explained more fully, disclosing names and other data, the engagement of Grace Vance, Alpha Gamma, teacher at Shaw high school, East Cleveland, Ohio, to William Morrison Rider, a graduate of Michigan agricultural college, who is now vice president and professor at Winona college of agriculture, Winona Lake, Indiana. Miss Vance will be married this summer and, unfortunately for Nu alumnae, will make her home in Indiana.

7 March 1912

*Elfrieda Weitz*

NU ALUMNAE—SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Nu alumnae has grown up. The gay and care-free child of the early years of organization, who chattered, frolicked, and bubbled with delight at the mere joy of being and settled to serious thoughts only at the gavelly voice of authority is no more. No evangelistic effort has wrought the transformation but the need of standing upon one's toes, developing energies and rousing brain power to meet two great responsibilities thrust upon her have forced a "putting away of childish things." The task of preparing a draft of a reconstructed constitution and of building, buying or seizing a chapter house for the Chi chapter are the problems which have come to Nu alumnae this year.

Creating a chapter house out of the enthusiasm of a dozen or so alumnae is no small task. The feat is accomplished. Only the co-operation of many out of town alumnae of Chi chapter and the enthusiastic and loyal support of the active chapter and a committee from Nu alumnae whose efficiency

was equalled only by their tenacity have made this possible. We are all deeply indebted to the unceasing efforts of Mrs. P. H. Markham, Mrs. Giles Stilwell, Miss Leslie West, Miss Clara Carson, Miss Grace O'Hara, Miss Marian Chappell. A most helpful advisory committee, who have also offered some financial assistance, is composed of Mr. E. H. O'Hara, Mr. Giles Stilwell, Mr. C. E. Chappell, Mr. C. A. Lux, Mr. E. B. Treat, Dr. P. H. Markham, Dr. C. J. Walch.

The very beautiful house which we have secured is located on one of the most desirable sites on college hill, fronting on Walnut park and it surpasses our fondest hopes for a home. It is valued at \$20,000. On April 12, the first meeting of the stockholders will be held, and on May 1, the active chapter will take possession of the house.

Of the other task of the year, that of preparing a draft of a reconstructed constitution to be considered at the next convention, you will hear more in detail later. It is well on its way toward completion and we hope soon to be able to submit a tangible proof that the year has been both a busy and profitable one for Nu alumnae.

4 April 1912

*Cora Emily Soper*

XI ALUMNAE—KANSAS CITY, MO.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

OMICRON ALUMNAE—SEATTLE, WASH.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

PI ALUMNAE—TOPEKA, KAN.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

RHO ALUMNAE—DENVER, COLORADO

Rho alumnae is happy once more to greet her Theta sisters through the pages of the JOURNAL. If all are able to look back over as pleasant a year as Rho is, they will feel with



her the great profit and pleasure of an alumnae chapter. Since the first meeting in the fall when we had our District president, Miss Sykes, with us, we have had several guests at the different meetings. They have been enthusiastic meetings too, even though we have had to brave heavy storms to get to them. A breath of the convention spirit is still with us. Our guest at the last meeting was Olive Hammond, Rho, ex-'12.

Our Founders'-day luncheon was held in the Italian garden room of the Metropole hotel, an ideal spot for such a gathering. We had some visitors with us, Emma Buchtel Lennox, now of Boston, and Inez Kinney, Epsilon, '03, who is in Young Women's Christian association work here. We had a splendid reunion, and were glad to welcome these Thetas whom we do not often see.

Now we are all looking forward to the Panhellenic luncheon, which will be the latter part of April. The fall festivity was a college euchre party, at which Delta Gamma was a splendid hostess.

A happy summer to all Thetas, and if any come our way please let us know.

*Josephine Whitehead*

SIGMA ALUMNAE—ST. LOUIS, MO.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

TAU ALUMNAE—LINCOLN, NEB.

March 2 was a memorable day for both active and alumnae Thetas of Nebraska. In the morning the four freshmen were initiated and in the evening the best of all our chapter celebrations took place—the banquet, commemorating Rho's twenty-fifth anniversary.

Following the singing of the chant our toast-mistress Julia Hainer, read passages from Miss L. Pearle Green; Helen Davis, who is in New York; and Mildred Post from California.

The toasts were responded to as follows:

The Tillers, Louise Northrup  
The Sowers, Aurel Murtey  
The Reapers, Louise Barr  
The Farm Hands, Willa Spier  
The Harvesters, Alice Town Deweese  
Harvest Over, Camille Hall.

With the singing of the loving-cup song we dispersed to meet at the house for the freshman stunt. A school scene was ably represented with Imogene Clark as teacher, Louise Bedwell as the young imp of the school, and Aurel Murtey as a mischievous lass. Harriet Parmelee, a pledge, also took the part of a lively school-girl. Hazel Hamilton took off the goody-goody very successfully. The singing lesson afforded opportunities for many local hits.

Before the play began the audience amused itself with singing convention songs, led by Ruth Tibbetts. The old girls sang all their favorites, led by Alice Deweese.

Most of the out-of-town visitors came Friday to attend the tournament between Omaha and Lincoln bridge clubs. Tau won from the visiting Chi players only by a small margin.

The following alumnae attended the festivities:

Ellen Kingsley, ex-'11, Minden; Alice Town Deweese, '05, Dawson; Margaret Lloyd, ex-'12, York; Helen Weston, ex-'10, Beatrice; Katherine Windham, '11, Plattsmouth; Martha Cline Huffman, '06, Merna; Mrs. Percy Johnson of Kappa chapter, Fairbury; Margaret Wheeler Casady, '10, Des Moines, Iowa; Jessie Power, '08, York; Ada Haggard, ex-'09, York; Helen G. Day, '09, Beatrice; Zola Dellecker, '07, Omaha; also from Omaha were: Irma Staples, ex-'11; Mrs. John Morrison, Grace Rohrbaugh, '11; Anna McCague, ex-'13; Laura McCord Cox, '09; Mary Bedwell McNown, '06; Helen Blish, ex-'13; Marie Hodge, ex-'13.

UPSILON ALUMNAE—SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.



## PHI ALUMNAE—BALTIMORE, MD.

Though still quite youthful Phi alumnae is beginning to feel that the old adage must be revised to read—"This child must be both seen and heard." In other words we are realizing that our usefulness to the fraternity cannot amount to much unless we have intelligent *ideas* to contribute. Each year and at each convention the fraternity is confronted with new problems. What help can we give unless we follow up tendencies and developments in universities and colleges and in our own and other fraternity organizations. If we do make a real study of such things we can say something intelligent when we do speak, and send to convention suggestions and plans that might prove worth while.

Believing this study is needed Phi has decided to make a definite plan of work for next year. We hope to be able to place in the hands of each member a printed year book in which a paper or discussion shall be assigned to her on a definite date. We expect to take one large problem and assign different phases of it for each meeting, and perhaps have brief questions on general topics answered at roll call.

All this is looking toward next year rather than telling of what we've been doing this year. However we feel that while it is not an entirely new scheme of work this plan might prove a helpful suggestion to other chapters.

We have fourteen members, representing Psi, Mu and Alpha Delta. Our plan for meeting this year is rather novel and is certainly proving interesting and effective in bringing good attendance. We meet at the homes of the members, the hostess being allowed \$2.00 from the treasury with which to furnish a luncheon. The usual attendance is twelve, each one being required to inform the hostess of her intention to be present. The business meeting follows and a detailed account of the menu expenses must be read by the hostess. Then comes the fun, and never yet has the bill amounted to the \$2.00, though the last time two cents proved a dangerous margin. Just

let me give you an idea of the delicious menu one can prepare with this liberal allowance. Veal soup and oysterettes, veal patties, canned peas and stuffed potatoes and rolls, banana salad, lemon ice and coffee. Each time the menu is different and we have great fun in showing our ingenuity.

We expect to continue this plan next year as the physical must needs be remembered as we tax our brain in our study of problems.

We have kept in close touch with Alpha Delta chapter and expect to have her three seniors as our guests at the May meeting.

In closing we would say to all Thetas even if there be only four or five in your town, get together, if only once a month and informally, and before you know it you will be an alumnae chapter.

CHI ALUMNAE—OMAHA, NEB.

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PSI ALUMNAE—EVANSTON, ILL.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

OMEGA ALUMNAE—PORTLAND, ORE.

Letter not at hand on April 15, 1912.

ALPHA BETA ALUMNAE—TORONTO, CANADA

Just seven years since we penned our first letter as the youngest active chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, and now we send our first contribution as Theta's newest alumnae chapter! for, you must know, Alpha Beta alumnae chapter possesses the rather unique distinction of being composed entirely of members of one active chapter, namely Sigma. True, when we organized last summer, we were glad to number amongst our ranks, Mrs. Lalor of Omega, but she has since moved away from Toronto, and we are left to wonder when another of our sisters from



across the line will come to join us. Two other members have left Toronto since the year began: Mrs. George Coutts, '07, who has moved as far away as Calgary, Alberta, and Hazel B. Kemp, ex-'10, who was married in February to Mr. Chatton Stevens and who, after a few months in Europe, will make her home in Montreal. Thus, our number is reduced to fourteen, a small but closely united group. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at four o'clock in Sigma's chapter room, the expenses of which we help bear. We have had seven regular meetings in all, the first one being held in September.

As we are all members of Sigma and are situated in such close proximity to our active chapter our interest in its welfare is naturally very keen. Thus, what time and energy we have not spent on the organization of our own chapter we have devoted to the interests of Sigma. In the autumn we were much engrossed with the rushing, and, apart from various small parties, gave a large "At Home" to the freshies and a few of the professors' wives.

Before dispersing for the holidays in December, we had, together with Sigma, a jolly Christmas party in the chapter room which was made gay with a tree and Christmas decorations. The room was the recipient of so many gifts that there is less space than ever for such joint festivities.

Our third and last big event was the Founders'-day luncheon at which we were hostesses to the active chapter. The latter returned the compliment by inviting us that same afternoon to join them in giving a party to a club of small girls at the University settlement, so that altogether we had quite a strenuous Founders'-day and one not soon to be forgotten.

We hope that this spring and summer will bring an occasional Theta to Toronto and that she will not fail to look us up.

31 March 1912

*Mabel H. Millman*

## ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

Only seven more weeks until commencement! But we have started on a glorious spring time and are putting forth every possible effort to make a record in the time left. On April 2 we entertained about a hundred guests at our annual formal party. We gave an operetta, *A Japanese girl*, in which Bernice Church sang the leading role as O Haun San. The party was given at the chapter house and the parlors were a bower of cherry blossoms, the dining room, a wisteria arbor, and the stairway, a bank of chrysanthemums, all of which was in keeping with the stage setting, a Japanese garden. The entire house was lighted with Japanese lanterns, while parasols furnished a canopy for the hallways.

Our senior class is working on the play, *His Excellency, the Governor*, in which Josephine Allen has the leading role and Gladys Martin has an important place in the cast. May-day comes May 15. The Minneapolis symphony orchestra will be the feature for the spring musical festival. We are expecting a great time commencement week, for President Taft will be one of the speakers. Another feature will be a production by the Coburn players. We feel sure that with many external attractions, our commencement banquet will be largely attended.

14 April 1912

Hazel D. Hardacre

'09 Married April 4 Lorene Crouch to Herman Blanche, B Θ II.  
Address Jefferson, Ohio.

Helen Reed, Gamma, and Grace Rhodes '09, attended our party.

Mary Fisher, Beta, was a week end visitor.

Mary Ashby, Tau, visited the chapter house during the party.

'04-ex Emma Buchtel Lennox (Mrs W. G.) has been visiting her parents in Denver.

'07 Louise McCabe spent the winter in Los Angeles.

Born, Jan. 9, 1912 to Mr and Mrs J. H. Griswold (Hope Erwin) a daughter, Jane Elizabeth.



## BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The thing which has been uppermost in our minds for many weeks is the Easter Cotillion. We had planned to make this the most brilliant event of the University year, and Saturday, April 13, our hopes were realized. From the time that a long line of girls, each carrying two lighted Chinese lanterns, came down the wide stair-case of the Student building, and together with the men formed an immense kite in the ball-room, until the Easter promenade when the men matched their button-hole bouquets with the gaily colored bonnets of the girls, the dance was the most beautiful imaginable. One of the prettiest dances was the Japanese one, in which the girls sat on the floor with their backs to the door, whirling large Japanese parasols behind them. After they had been chosen, they gave their partners fancy paper caps.

Never has the Student building ball-room, where all the large dances are given, been so beautiful. Purple and white wisteria hung from tennis nets stretched in every available place. Boxes of yellow jonquils filled the windows; pots of tall Easter lilies with palms screened the orchestra. The stair-way was a mass of wisteria and through it shone yellow shaded lights. Yellow butterflies with gold bodies hung in great numbers low from the ceiling.

During the intermission, ice-cream in Easter molds was served from immense French baskets decorated in smilax and jonquils. Smaller baskets carried cakes and tiny Easter eggs.

We had about twenty-five out-of-town guests, and over one hundred guests from the university community.

We have two pledges this term, Ruth O'Meara of Anderson and Eleanor Wolfe of South Bend.

Initiation of the winter term pledges will take place in the near future.

*Margaret Latham*

'09 Francis Bray and Bernard Robinson  $\Sigma$  N, will be married April 18, at the home of the bride's parents in Bloomington. They will live in Brazil, Ind.

## GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Initiation was held April 11 at the home of Mrs. Scribner. The initiates were: Ruth Cunningham, Rose Dickerson, Helen Tipton, Laura Harrod, Beth Wilson, Beth Barr, Bernice Hall and Marjorie Hall.

The average grades for the winter term were read in chapel, April 11. Theta made a good record. The averages of the women's fraternities were: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 78 1-20, Kappa Alpha Theta, 77 6-10, Pi Beta Phi, 75. Ruth Cunningham was on the honor roll, having an average of 89.

The first baseball game was played April 9. Butler will play DePauw, Earlham, Franklin, Moores Hill, Danville Normal, and Hanover.

The tennis courts are now in good shape. We are hoping that our tennis champions will make as fine a record this year as they did last.

Jeanne Stewart entered college this term and we are proud to see her wearing Theta colors.

Zeta alumnae and Gamma chapter arranged for a dance for all Thetas in the state. It was given on March 9 at the Claypool hotel. There were about one hundred and fifty couples in attendance and the grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rabb and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Krull. The hall was decorated in palms, bay trees and blooming plants. A Theta song was played for the grand march, which was formed in the shape of the kite. Children passed the programs from French baskets tied with black and gold ribbon. One feature of the evening was a pretty flower dance in which the girls were presented with corsage bouquets and the gentlemen with boutonnières. The dance was wonderfully managed by Lois Brown, '09.

13 April 1912

*Ethel M. Sellers*

'10-ex Hazel Pasquier (Mrs James Dow) has moved to California.

'10-ex Jessie Ragsdale (Mrs Foley) has a son, Ernest Lee, born Mar. 23.



- '10-ex Married, Feb. 28, 1912, Helen Carver and Walter Scholler.
- '16-ex Fanny Stack has left college and accepted a position as private secretary at the Indiana Soldier's Home at Marion.
- '12-ex Laura Lindley will attend the Junior Prom at Purdue.
- '14-ex Lesley Clay has left college on account of a nervous breakdown.
- '12-ex Helen Reed visited the De Pauw Thetas on April 1.
- Nell Reed, Beaulah Meek, Genevieve New, and Fern Brendel (Mrs. Roy Metzger) were here for initiation.
- Helen Reed and Mary Fleming are now back in college.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The chapter life of Delta has been saddened by the death of one of our juniors, Florence Woodman, who passed away at her home in Chicago, Illinois, February 2. We mourn the loss of a loving sister and a loyal fraternity worker.

Two new girls have been added to our ranks, Florence King, an affiliate from Beta, and Juanita Richardson of St. Louis, a pledge.

The first week in March we held our annual corporation meeting to consider house finance. It was agreed that from now on each pledge on the payment of our home shall be at least \$5.00 for five years.

A new chapter has been added to our Panhellenic association by the installation of Alpha Delta Phi on March 29. The installing officers were entertained by us on their visit to Illinois.

Mrs. Carpenter, our District president spent five days with us last week. She brought us a breath of Theta love from Tau and Upsilon and carried on our greetings to Psi. The helpful talks and bits of advice she gave us make us envy Upsilon in having her so near. During her visit we gave a tea, to give the resident Thetas an opportunity of meeting and enjoying her also.

At present our quiet life is being broken by midsemester examinations so I will close with a wish for the best results!

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'95-ex Louise Ludden Dixon (Mrs. S. W.) is living at 437 Belmont ave. Chicago.

'08 Mr and Mrs E. E. Stults (Minnie Parker) and daughter have moved to Chicago. Address: 4344 N. Winchester ave.

'09 Born, April 5, 1912, to Mr and Mrs Wm. Vance (Mary Gibson) a daughter, Martha.

'12-ex The marriage of Margaret Major to Sidney Cassel  $\Phi K \Psi$  will take place April 10.

'04 Anne Pinkham visited us last month.

'07-ex Ida Mattis has returned from her winter in Washington, D. C.

'11 Allegra Covey, A  $\Delta$ , visited here recently.

'12 Dorothy Hopkins, A M, recently spent a week end at Illinois.

'11-ex Marion Moyer's engagement to L. E. Sweet, B  $\Theta$  II, has been announced.

'12-ex Born, Jan. 11, to Mr and Mrs J. C. Campbell (Harriet Sperry) a daughter, Florence Crandell.

#### EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

It is with great pride that Epsilon introduces her newly initiated Thetas; Marjory Beard '12 of Springfield, Ohio; Katherine West '15 and Harriet O'Donell '15, Bellefontaine, Ohio; Alice March, '15, Ruth McCandliss, '15, Marion Fulton '15 and Helen Laughlin '15 of Wooster, Ohio; Ruth Bogardus '15, Kenton, Ohio, and Helen Houghton '15, Marion, Ohio, who were initiated February 27, and Bess Richardson '15, Hicksville, Ohio, who became a Theta March 16. We are very happy to see the kite worn by so many from this year's splendid freshman class. This has been a very enthusiastic year and it has added to our Friday night gathering eleven thorough Thetas.

Next in importance to initiation we consider our annual formal party which we held this year on March 16, at the home of Elisa Candor. The picturesque old colonial home was converted into a bower of southern smilax and palms; and candles among the green and on the tables furnished the only light. Miss Isabel Bull of Bellefontaine, Ohio, Miss



Emma Heathe of Eta, and Miss Elise Elliott of Chillicothe, Ohio, were the out-of-town guests.

After long and strenuous debate the honor system has been voted in by the students, approved by the faculty, and is now on trial at Wooster. We have been slow to adopt this measure but the student opinion is that it will prove very successful.

On February 29 the men's Glee club, with the aid of six end men, gave their biennial minstrel show. This minstrel show is the most talked of college event of the year, and the performance fulfilled every expectation. To show their appreciation of the ability of the men the Holden hall girls entertained their friends soon after with a reproduction of the show.

We are glad to welcome the Delta Delta chapter of Delta Delta Delta, which was installed at Wooster March 17. On the afternoon of March 17 the newly installed chapter entertained the other women's fraternities in honor of the visiting Delta Delta Deltas. There is enough material at Wooster to sanction this enlargement of Panhellenic circles and the girls are in every way worthy of their chapter.

1 April 1912

*Margaret Biernatzki*

Born, Aug. 18, 1911, to Mr and Mrs A. F. Blaser (Esther Hemphill) a daughter, Margaret.

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

We of Eta are still rejoicing over the visit which Miss Green paid us last week. Thanks to Charlotte Walker Stone we learned that Miss Green was coming to Toledo, and proceeded to get our invitation in early. Even though the visit was only for a few hours we all enjoyed every minute of it.

Since our mid-year examinations so many things have been happening that it is hard to realize another vacation is near at hand. So excited are we over the prospects of the large house party which is to be held this coming week-end, March 29, that the spirit of home has not yet reached us. And

with the coming of the Cornell meet, March 30, which always brings with it great enthusiasm, we hope to show to our guests Ann Arbor at its best. The meet is especially important this year as it brings John Paul Jones who holds the world's record for a mile.

Another treat which is in store for the guests is a vaudeville that the freshmen present Saturday afternoon. Judging from their former entertainments this one will show unusual talent.

On the morning of Washington's Birthday all the freshmen invited the chapter to a Beach party with one proviso—that we wear our bathing suits. At the ringing of the breakfast gong at the dread hour of seven-thirty we all formed a line and marched to the beach—formerly the dining-room. It was a “really for sure” beach with bath-houses and all the necessary equipments found at a summer resort. After a jolly good time we were served with an elaborate breakfast after which the party broke up with an enthusiastic *Ring out three cheers for our freshmen.*

Eta seems to have been especially fortunate in having so many girls interested in dramatics this year. Isabelle Rizer had one of the two leading roles in *The Magistrate*, the play which Comedy club gave. Emma Heath also had the part of “Madame Arriego” in the French play *Le Monde où L'on s'ennuie*; and Ruby Severance and Flora Horr both had parts in the play which the juniors gave for the seniors on March 26.

Another delightful time which the chapter has recently enjoyed was a beautiful dinner which Mrs. Adams gave February 14. After dinner we had our usual valentine box—a custom which we have of each girl making valentines for two girls whose names she has drawn.

We regret very much to announce that we must lose Stella Roth '14, in June, as her father has accepted a position as Dean of the forestry department at Cornell.

29 March 1912

Helen Pyle



'10 On Jan. 15, 1912 the engagement of Bernice W. Randall to J. H. Flachmann was announced.

'11-ex Born to Mr and Mrs Allen Brett (Julia Williams) a daughter.

In a recent number of the *Journal* Lambda announced the marriage of Lucy Bean to Mr. French,  $\Sigma N$ , a member of the engineering faculty at the University of Michigan. We are very glad to welcome Mrs French, as one of us.

'08-ex Ruth Woods has been spending a couple of months in Florida.

'13-ex Katharine Sherwood is visiting in Washington, D. C.

'13-ex Annie Williams, and Ethell Marshall and Helen Baker, two pledges from Detroit, were out for the junior hop.

Elfrieda, Emma and Elsie Wietz and Nettie Gehring are spending the year abroad.

'08 Clara Belle Shafer made the chapter a visit a few weeks ago.

The chapter received a beautiful gift of two dozen embroidered tea-napkins from Mrs. Hoyt Post, Helen Post Steel, and Myra Post Cady.

'14 Emily Gilfillan has recently made Stylus, a Junior honorary society.

Florence Herbert, Tau, visited us this month.

Mary Mulheron, Nan Mulheron, Bertha Ballard and Agnes Parks are expected for the Women's banquet March 29, 1912.

ex-'12 Agnes Parks is to give an address for the promotion of Women's residence halls at the Women's banquet.

'13-ex Katharine Sherwood and Samuel H. Roberts '07,  $\Phi A \Delta$ , are to be married June 1, 1912.

'98 Mathilda Harrington is spending this year studying in Italy.

'01-'02 Isabella Fyfe Peters (Mrs. Le Roy S.) is still located at Silver City, N. Mex.

'01 Jeanette Blanchard Steuber (Mrs. F. J.) is living at 413 Fairlawn ave. St. Louis, Mo.

'04 Mary Stewart Hooker (Mrs Harold) is living in Spokane, Wash. Address: 1025 E. Indiana ave.

'95-'96 Anna L. Harris (Mrs George Marting) has moved from Columbus to Cincinnati. Address: 3423 Paxton Road, Hyde Park, Cincinnati.

'98 Mabel Davison Lotz (Mrs J. P.) went in April to her new home in Boston. For some time she had been visiting in Joliet, Ill.

'94 Jessie Harris Bachman (Mrs Frank) has moved from Cleveland to Montclair, N. J. Her address is 254 N. Mountain ave.

#### IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

The unusually short Easter vacation, of four college days, has passed, and the usual routine is again in order. But, in

spite of the work, we have had time to plan for our annual dance, which will take place on Monday evening, April 15. At this, several of our resident alumnae are to chaperon, and many of the faculty have been invited. Besides these, one girl from each of the fraternities, as well as several independent girls, are asked.

On April 13, a dance for the freshmen is given by the sophomores in the Sage gymnasium. Each of the sophomore girls escorts a freshman, to whom she sends flowers, and whose dance order she fills.

On the campus, with the coming of spring, many improvements are being made. The new Home economics building has grown enormously during the past month. An addition to the Veterinary college is also being planned, and workmen are laying off the ground for its erection. In Goldwin Smith hall a large bronze tablet has been placed, bearing an inscription denoting the donation of a large sum of money to Cornell by Goldwin Smith. Risley hall, the new dormitory for girls, is also under way.

15 April 1912

*Margaret Mandeville*

'05 The engagement of Elizabeth Nichols to Montgomery Hunt Throob, graduate of Yale, has been announced. Miss Nichols address is 2 Avenue Road, Shanghai, China.

'05 Mary Waite spent the Easter vacation in Ithaca.

'09 The marriage of Christine Avery to Clarence Arthur Rogers, Cornell '04, took place in West Taughannock, April 2, 1912. Address: 47 Fall Creek drive, Cornell Heights, Ithaca, N. Y.

'09 The address of Rey Preston Kelsey (Mrs D. L.) is 120 Szchaune Road, Shanghai, China.

'09 Sara Bailey Sailor (Mrs Horace) visited Queenie Horton Sailor (Mrs. R. W.) at Oak Park, Ill. in March.

#### KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Letter not at hand on April 20, 1912.

Miss Anna Wilder and her sister Mrs. Cross of Kansas City, Mo. will stay at the chapter house during the Easter vacation.



'08 George Smart and '09 Martha Stough were in Lawrence March 15, to attend the convention of teachers.

'10 Helen Janes Harris of Ottawa, Kan. visited the chapter, March 27. We are expecting Mildred Post to visit the chapter April 16.

#### LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

We are very happy to introduce to you our eight new Thetas and we wish you could all meet them. The initiates are Helen Perine, '13, Spencer, Iowa; Marjorie Watson, '14, Hartford, Vermont; and six freshmen: Lou Fullington, Johnson; Ethel Jackson, Woodstock; Bernadine Kimball, Salt Lake City, Utah; Grace Nutting, Leititz, Pennsylvania; Anna Ward, Burlington; and Mabel Watts, Waterbury. The intitiation service was March 26 with Mrs. Jacobs and a large number of alumnae were present to assist in the ceremony. The banquet was served at the home of our loyal alumna, Mrs. Loudon, with Mrs. Holmes Flint (Theodora Plumtey, 1897) as toast-mistress. Toasts and wit made the occasion a happy one, long to be remembered.

Mrs. Votey and her daughter, Ruth, gave a very enjoyable St. Patrick's day tea to the active and alumnae chapters. Irish ballads and piano selections added much to the pleasure of the afternoon. The key note of green predominated in the delicious sandwiches, cakes and candies.

The annual Kollege Kake Walk was a big success and a larger sum than usual was netted for the athletic fund. The Alpha Zeta fraternity made an unprecedented record by winning both the large cake and silver cup for the best stunts; the silver cup for the best costume in the peerade, and half of the cake offered for the best couple in the "Walk for the cake."

The Easter issue of the *Fliterary Fligest* was presented to the reading public at Howard Gym, March 26, by the Young Women's Christian association girls. The magazine was very clever and cover, editorials, serial stories, book reviews and fashion plates followed each other in life like order. It was very successful, \$50 being cleared for the Silver Bay fund.

29 March 1912

Bessie Thayer

The following alumnae were back for initiation, March 23. '76 Miss Sarah Ann Martin, Burlington; '77 Miss Sarah V. Brownell, The Greydon, Montague St., N. Y.; '77 Miss Florence N. Crooker, Burlington; '82 Mrs. Adaline E. Paris; ex-'83 Miss Martha E. Mathews; '85 Mrs. Mary M. Deyette, Shelburne; '86 Mrs. Annis Isham Abbey, Essex Jct.; '89 Mrs. Anna Dyke Learnard; '94 Miss Mary R. Bates; '94 Miss May O. Boynton; '96 Mrs. Ruth Norton Roberts; '97 Mrs. Theodora Plumley Flint, Montpelier; '99 Mrs. Mabel W. Jacobs; '99 Mrs. Marion M. Loudon; '99 Fannie Smith Webster; '06 Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes Ross; '07 Miss Effie P. Wells; '09 Miss Mary Catherine Root; '10 Miss Helen Augusta Cramton.

#### MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Initiation now seems far in the dim vista of past events, but it was a joyous occasion and one not to be forgotten. Owing to a general college function in the evening, February 10, we initiated in the afternoon, contrary to our usual custom. Quite a number of the alumnae were back for the event and helped make it a most pleasurable one. After initiation we had a Theta tea in the chapter rooms and in the evening after the basketball game we had our real birthday party and received many happy surprises from alumnae and classes in the way of silver, china, cut-glass and hangings for the rooms. On March 23 we initiated Thelma Weissenborn '14, of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Though it has not yet been officially announced to the college as a whole, the scholastic standings have been averaged and Theta leads the women's fraternities. Within the chapter our scholarship cup received the numerals of the 1913 class, holders of the highest class record this year.

It was with a feeling of sincere gratification that we welcomed the advent of Theta Sigma into national life as Alpha Gamma Delta last month. Our local Panhellenic association now embraces the four women's nationals of the college.

The annual college banquet on Washington's birthday this year was a departure from all previous ones in respect to the program, and the originality and novelty displayed were fully



appreciated. After all were seated, the class toasters were led in, in the guise of Martha, George, and Mary Washington, and presented to the toast master. The toasts were in keeping with the characters assumed and were greatly enjoyed for their cleverness and originality. The usual class rivalry between the two lower classes resulted in most effective costuming and special decorative features, the freshmen representing Puritan life and the sophomores present-day outing life with canoe, tennis racquets, and everything to aid in producing a vacation atmosphere.

Our basketball season closed with a most brilliant and satisfying record, both as to victories and finances, with eleven games won out of twelve played, and a balance of over \$200 from the management. The men's dramatic club, Duzer Du, gave a most artistic and successful presentation of the *Comedy of Errors*, March 28, a special feature being the effective staging after the manner of the Shakespearean theater.

We are eagerly anticipating the visit of Mrs. Stone who will be with us the last three days before Easter vacation, for her coming is always an inspiration to both our chapter and our college life.

Our sincere and loving sympathy goes out to Nulu Neale '08, for the death of her mother which occurred March 17.

29 March 1912

*Florence M. Griswold*

'86 Mrs Sion Smith of Bellevue is visiting in Meadville.

'01 Emma Edson is spending her Easter vacation in Brooklyn, New York, with her sister, Mrs A. G. Fradenburg '92.

'07-ex Helen Anderson has returned from a three-weeks' visit to New York.

'07 Amy Courtenay is teaching in Marietta, Ohio.

'08 Florence Grauel Miller (Mrs F. P.) has returned to her home in Meadville after a visit to Pittsburg. On March 1 Mrs Miller entertained the active chapter at a very delightful tea.

'11 Ruth Kelley is spending her Easter vacation at her home in Meadville.

'14 Margaret Yingling who left college on account of her mother's

ill health is now in Golden, Colorado, where her mother is slowly gaining in strength and health.

Those present for initiation, Feb. 10, were Belle Limber, Emma Edson, Ruth Townley, Katherine Adams, Florence Grauel Miller, Hattie Johnson, Mrs. Webb, Katherine Illingworth, Grace Howard, Grace Miller, Gertrude Hillman, Ruth Kelley and Bess Metcalf.

#### RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

A Young Women's Christian association convention is being held at Lincoln this week and three of our new Theta sisters from South Dakota, who are attending the convention, are spending the week-end with us at the chapter house. We are so glad to have them with us because at the time of the installation of Alpha Rho, all of us did not have the pleasure of going to Vermilion and meeting the girls there. Twelve of the Rho girls did assist in the installation, however, and came home with a glorious description of the chapter there. They were accompanied by Pearle Green and Martha Cline Huffman.

After the visit at Vermilion, Pearle Green and Martha Cline Huffman came back to Lincoln to spend a few days with us. We felt very much honored to have two of our Grand officers here at the same time. During their visit we gave an informal reception in their honor.

Tomorrow, April 13 we are all to be entertained at the home of Dorothy Miller. She will give a luncheon which for some time past has been an annual affair. Everybody knows what a grand time to expect. All the Theta's, active, alumnae, and visiting, are invited.

Soon we are to have the pleasure of a visit from our District president, Mildred Post. We will be delighted to see her because it is quite a long time since she has been at Lincoln. Most of the winter, she has been living in California. Since she is a member of our own chapter as well as District president, her visit will be doubly appreciated.



In a couple of weeks we will hold our annual formal dancing party at the Lincoln hotel. A great many of the younger alumnae will be in town for it. We are also expecting a number of prospective rushees from different parts of the state. The house will be crowded to its limit; even the "tent" will be in use. Perhaps, next to the banquet and initiation, our formal party is the most enjoyable gathering of the year.

12 April 1912

E. Ruth Lindley

'11 Florence Dutton of Hastings, Neb. is spending a couple of weeks in Lincoln visiting Gratia Green.

'10 Dorothy Miller will be married sometime in June to Earl Campbell A T Ω.

'05 Camille Hall was married to Ellery Davis A Θ X in the first part of April.

'00 Jessie Macfarland has gone from her Los Angeles home to New York city where she will spend some time with Ruth Wilson.

Gertrude Laws Hardy expects to spend the next two months in California.

Juliett Atwood, ex-'10, sailed March 14 for Europe. She expects to remain about eight months, most of the summer in Italy. She will meet her sister, Catherine, in Barritz and they will spend Easter in Rome.

'12-ex Oline Hammond will spend the summer in Denver with her sister, Mrs Thies at 1376 Munroe St.

#### SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

This last letter of the year brings to our minds only too forcibly the end of all things, both at college and in the chapter. Signs of it are not lacking either in the course of events—the Women's dramatic club has given its annual Shakespearean night; this year, *Much Ado About Nothing* was admirably played. The annual French, German, Spanish and Italian comedies given by the Modern language club are over; the final meetings of the Discussion clubs have been held; and the course of college sermons is drawing to a close. The address on March 31 was delivered to a crowded house by Dr. Grenfell.

By the way, the Discussion clubs are an innovation that is

proving very successful. In each college class there is one, divided into sections of a size convenient for informal discussion. The subjects are generally topics of the day.

Although the chapter has officially broken up we are looking forward to a jolly gathering on April Fool's day, in honour of our seniors. We are looking forward, too, to our annual house-party, held after the examinations.

Anticipation of it is always a joy,—joy enough to carry us through even the worst examination throes.

31 March 1912

*Gertrude Wright*

'09 Ida Carpenter is expected in town for the seniors' party.

'09 Edith Atkin is spending a few days with Jessie Barber.

'09-ex Jessie McCurdy has returned from Italy and is now in London.

'10-ex Married, Feb. 15 Hazel Kemp and F. C. Stephens of Montreal. After a wedding trip abroad Mrs Stephens will reside at 595 Cowan ave. Montreal.

#### TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

We held initiation in fraternity hall February 17, and immediately afterward, the banquet in the Woman's guild room at Orrington Lunt library. At the close of the banquet, rewards were presented to the two freshmen who ranked first in scholarship. Marion Jennings received the first reward, a Theta ring and Bertha Smith received the second, a bar pin. On the preceding Friday afternoon, instead of having our usual "Cosey Corner" we met in fraternity hall where the pledges had been summoned to appear prepared for the worst. The result was a scouring and scrubbing such as the old room had not experienced for a long time, for the pledges went into their task with true Theta spirit and vim.

A quarantine which was imposed on Harmon terrace on the morning of initiation day prevented one of our pledges and two older girls from being present, so we held a second initiation a few days later.

The inspirational meetings which were held for Northwestern



students during our week of prayer were very successful as a means of deepening the religious life of the college. Miss Oolooah Burner, Alpha, had charge of the meetings for the women and we all felt the influence of her charming personality and deep religious experience.

We were delighted to have as our guests for the week-end, March 16, Miss L. Pearle Green, Miss Eva R. Hall and our District president, Mrs. L. F. Carpenter. Mrs. Carl Williams entertained in their honor with an afternoon tea. On Sunday evening the active girls gathered in fraternity hall where we sang Theta songs and then had lunch. After fraternity meeting Monday we held an informal reception in the Willard hall parlors for the members of the other fraternities.

We wish to introduce a new pledge Vivian Ditto.

28 March 1912

*Daisy Bentley*

'13 Margaret Holton was compelled to leave school at the close of the second semester on account of illness. She is recovering slowly.

'13-ex Mary Ashby spent the week-end with Tau, Feb. 24.

'09 Pearl Greenough went to Pittsburg, Pa. Mar. 7, where she has a position in Y. W. C. A. work. Address: 247 Orchard Pl. Mt. Oliver Sta.

'10 Mildred Jones spent Sunday at her home in Evanston, Mar. 17.

'11 Vassar, Mabel Kelsey has announced her engagement to Lawrence DeVore,  $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ .

Mrs. John H. Ryan (Bess Grove) gave a toast at initiation banquet. Mrs. Ryan's daughter Helen was one of the initiates.

'14-ex Frederica Bergen is teaching in Summerfield, Kan.

'11 Marie Benton is at home this year. Address: 606 W. 116th st. New York.

'11 Mary Ward Holton spent a few days with Tau on her way home from Des Moines, Iowa, where she has been with the Princess stock company. She will play at the Davidson theater in Milwaukee, this summer.

Katherine Planck and Beatrice Copley, Delta, attended initiation.

Lucy Williams expects to spend the summer abroad.

Ruth and Alice Ward with their parents will sail for Europe June 15. They will be gone six months.

In the death of Mary Gloss's mother Tau has lost a staunch friend. A friend of the chapter in its inception when it had few Evanston

friends, her home was always open to the girls, her wise advice always at their service. All extend love and sympathy to Mary whose loss we share.

#### UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Minnesota students representing every state in the Union sat in a mock political convention at the Armory, March 19. Although a mock convention, it was a very serious occasion for some of us and served to inform us on national affairs. The women students achieved a great victory in being allowed to sit as delegates from the equal suffrage states. Thirty-two of them held seats among the hundreds of men. The Democrats came out victorious, with Bryan securing a good majority of the votes. Noticeable among the leaders of the suffrage delegation were several of our own girls. But we demonstrated later, that politics was not our only field of activity. Six Thetas took part in the big annual sophomore caudeville, March 25.

A question which is agitating the women on the campus, at this time, is that of the new Dean of women for next year. Our own Dean Comstock has just received a call to Smith college and we are wondering whom President Vincent will choose for her successor.

And now Upsilon sends you greetings and best wishes for the approaching months of silence between us. We of Delta Alpha district are planning to get acquainted at a district house-party this summer. We only wish that we might meet you all!

30 March 1912

*Marjorie Child*

'11-ex Florence Pond and Katherine Pond sail for Europe in April, to be gone until next winter.

'15 Laura Merrill has resumed her college work.

Mrs. Bangs, patroness of Alpha Pi, has been in Minneapolis for a short visit.

Mrs. Kate Morse March went to the University of North Dakota to help the new chapter in the last of their rushing.



'14-ex Adrienne Warner has returned from her winter in the east.

'12-ex Audrey Holman Saxton (Mrs. Robert) is going to move to Denver, Colo.

#### PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Spring vacation begins tomorrow with the Junior week festivities. These were inaugurated last night with fireworks and senior singing on the lake. Tonight comes the Junior opera followed by the Prom tomorrow evening. During the early part of our ten day's holiday a riding party will take the old familiar road to King's and across the range to the coast, returning to the campus after a four days' progress.

The sophomore play, *Christopher Junior*, was splendid. Two of our members, Helen Bullard and Carol Green, had important roles. Their clever acting received high praise.

We are very proud of the histrionic ability at present in the chapter. Two other Thetas, after strenuous competition, have gained parts in the senior play, *Fannie's relations*. Several Thetas will appear next month in the Trackmeet show, given under the auspices of Cap and gown.

The track meet is on our campus this year and will be the first great interest when we come back from vacation.

The most talked of thing at Stanford this semester has been Student Government. A mass meeting of the men was called and arguments for and against the movement were presented. It was finally accepted and complete student government adopted. The constitution of the university requires that there be a Student affairs' committee, but this committee will hereafter be inactive, though responsible to the trustees for the student government. From the Student's conference, an organization of upperclass representatives from each department in the university and five members at large, a committee of five is elected to take the place of the former Student affair's committee in all matters of Student government.

29 March 1912

Katrine Fairclough

'00 Ettilla Bethell Nichols (Mrs W. E.) has gone to the Hawaiian islands for three months.

'06-ex Clara Smith Lawler (Mrs. Norman) was forced by disturbances near her Mexican home to take refuge at the Consulate in Vera Cruz. At the earliest opportunity she will return to her mother's home in Los Angeles until peace comes to Mexico.

'08 Karoline Hammond sailed for Europe Mar. 28.

'13 Katherine Fletcher is registered at Barnard college this semester.

'14-ex Married, Feb. 26, Ruth Soule and W. V. Wilson, Φ K Ψ.

Ex-'06 Anna Perring Bradford is down from Spokane to spend two weeks in Palo Alto.

'07 Dorothy Marx, her mother and small sister, leave for Europe in May to be gone a year or more. Professor Marx will join his family next Christmas time.

'03-'04 Grace Lavayea our District president is coming to visit our chapter and Omega during next week.

'06 Florence Burrell was down from Oakland last week.

#### CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Chi is rejoicing; on May 1, she is to move into a beautiful new home of her own, and, best of all, the seniors will have a month's enjoyment of it, and will entertain their commencement guests there. The Girvin house, as it is called, is delightfully situated at 306 Walnut place, opposite Walnut park. Chi wishes to express her deep appreciation of the work of the committee from Nu alumnae, and their advisers, which made this new home possible for us. The committee consisted of Lena Hoose Markham, Mabel Parker Stilwell, M. Leslie West, Clara L. Carson, K. Grace O'Hara, and Marion Chappell.

Permit us to introduce our pledglings, Rilla Parsons '13, of Earlville, and Katherine M. Rowley '15, of East Orange, New Jersey.

Marguerite and Barbara Treat, Mary Clapp, and Bessie Wands gave a concert in Norwich, on February 22.

Our chaperon, Miss Margaret Charles, has left us to make a long visit in the South. Our alumnae have been doing the honors, by turns, until her successor arrives.



Amy Bates Stark recently entertained the active chapter at her home.

We expect a visit from Miss Potts, our District president, sometime in April.

A series of class suppers has been held in the Cafeteria, for the purpose of arousing college spirit among the girls. Chi's part in the Women's league County fair was a baby-show, with Mildred Baird and Lucile Eakins as the heavenly twins.

Bessie Wands, Ruth V. E. Morrison, and Ruth W. Fisher are on the staff for the Women's edition of the *Daily Orange*. Ruth Fisher is president of Women's league; Ruth M. White is president of the Young Women's Christian association; and Ruth V. E. Morrison is president of Consumer's league.

We had a short, but delightful visit from Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Hersey; we were decidedly envious of the rest of the university, which also claimed them.

We hope that our new home, and the beautiful pageant to be given at commencement will be added inducements for our alumnae to attend the June banquet.

30 March 1912

*E. Fern Manier*

'96 Gertrude T. Burlingham has recently made some important botanical discoveries.

'97 J. Bertha Kellogg, who has been a recent guest of Lena Hoose Markham '98, has gone to southern California.

'98-ex Katherine Foster Baker (Mrs T. B.) is now living in Syracuse. Her address is 1322 E. Genesee st.

'00 Dr. Mary F. Sweet and Dr. Anne T. Bingham are spending six months' vacation in Europe.

'05 Harriet M. Disbrow of New Rochelle is going abroad this spring.

'06 Mabel Wombough, who has been a critic-teacher in Brockport normal school, is on a trip round the world.

'06 Dr. and Mrs E. H. Shepard (Edna Mitchell) are going to spend the summer in Europe.

'07 Ruth A. Ambler, who has been teaching in Hackensack, N. J. goes to France, in June, to spend the summer in study.

'07 Mr and Mrs D. A. Davis (Maud Merritt) will be in Paris, studying this summer.

'08 Blanche Merritt Baker (Mrs F. L.) spent a few days with us, in March. She and Mr Baker expect to spend the summer abroad.

'11 May F. Wilcox was a recent guest at the chapter house.

'13-ex Alison Close expects to be here for commencement.

'14 Lois C. Jayne has left college because of the illness of her mother. She is at her home in Cortland, N. Y.

Died, April 7, at Oneida, N. Y. Elsie Perlee Tibbits '15. Chi is sorrowing over the death of Elsie Perlee Tibbits, a girl who, by her active loyalty to Theta and her love for Chi girls, has endeared herself to every member of the chapter.

#### PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Our District president, Mrs. Carpenter, visited us very recently, and never was a guest more genuinely welcome. How we did enjoy her, and what a help she was to us! Among other things she has aroused Psi's enthusiasm for a district house-party this summer. Mrs. Carpenter does have the most delightful ideas. During her visit here the long considered plan of organizing an alumnae chapter finally materialized. There are alumnae representing eleven chapters living here in Madison, and it has long been the hope of Psi that our staunch alumnae would some day organize.

On April 17, Psi will receive the faculty of the university. This reception to the faculty is an annual event and has proved a delightful and successful means of establishing friendly relations between professors and students outside the constraining influence of the class-room. Our formal party, a dinner dance, will be given May 10.

Psi's scholastic record for the first semester of this year has given her some little pleasure. Eight members of the chapter secured averages above ninety, while only one dropped below eighty.

We have the pleasure of announcing the initiation of Kathleen Carey of Austin, Illinois, who entered as a junior from Lewis institute.

11 April 1912

*H. Margaret Josten*



- '02 Laura Sage Jones called at the chapter house in March.
- '06 Elise Dexter and '07 Francis McIntosh expect to spend the summer in Germany.
- '09 Elva Caradine stayed with us during Teachers' convention.
- '09 Ruth Cook sailed for Europe April 18.
- '10 Ethel Taylor spent the first week end of her Easter vacation in Madison.
- '10 Helen Hutchinson was here at initiation time.
- '11 Hester Harper spent her spring vacation at her home in Madison.
- '13 Fay Kent returned to her home in Helena, Mont. after the first semester.
- '13-ex Nellie Finney spent a week with us in March.
- '15 Madge Woodward has been elected to Red Domino, the women's dramatic society.
- '15 Helen Bell has withdrawn from college for a semester on account of ill health. Mrs Bell, Mu, was in Madison during her daughter Helen's illness.
- Frieda Reynolds, Eta, visited us in March.

## OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

April is here and we are all counting the few remaining weeks before examinations with ejaculations of —“Why where has the time gone!”

As the selections of the cast for the Senior Extravaganza have been made, rehearsals are beginning in earnest for that farewell fling. Katherine McElrath '12 has the second lead. The Extravaganza bears the biblical title of *Ephriam* and the curiosity of the college public is aroused.

The Spring Festival *Parthenia* which is a newly instituted custom, is to take place April 6. It is to be given under the oak trees on a selected spot on the campus and will be a beautiful sight with its water sprites, leaf, flower and rain choruses which, garbed in delicately colored characteristic costumes will weave in and out of the theme. Several of our girls have parts—Constance Davis '13, Alice Earle '12, Dorothea White '14, Helen Waterman '14, and Dorothy Rieber '15.

The day before the festival, on Good Friday, *Stabat Mater* will be sung in the Greek theater by a large chorus with

Tetrazinni as leading soloist. Music lovers from all around are anticipating a rare treat.

April 6, we are also looking forward to the second baseball game with our old time foe, Stanford. As we won the first of the series we are hoping for another victory.

April 20 the girls' varsity tennis team goes to Stanford to play and on that afternoon the annual track meet between the two colleges is to be held—so you see time is not exactly hanging heavy on our hands.

I must not omit to mention the interesting day we had February 29. The men of the university with rod and transit, pickaxes and shovels, levelers and what not, constructed in part a road on the campus, which has been sadly needed. Luncheon was served to them by the women and afterwards all sorts of games were played, from a cracker eating contest to the catching of a greased pig. This custom was instituted in '96 and every four years some improvement is made on the campus.

Alpha Chi Omega gave their house over to the girls' basketball team from Nevada university March 15, and we had the pleasure of entertaining two of the girls over Sunday. The California girls were victorious in the very exciting game with the Nevada team.

The Theta seniors gave an informal dance March 23 for prominent men and women of the university. It was a great success.

Thetas are happy over the fact that, through the labors of our devoted alumnae we have acquired the vacant lot next to us—both as a protection and an ornament. Plans of every conceivable sort have been suggested for its final aim or end.

Harriet Judd '13 is running for president of the Women's student body, and we are feeling confident of her election.

Three of our girls, Muriel Burnham '12, Lilian Van Dyke '12, and Edith Clapp '12 have been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, so you may imagine our pride and joy.



Pauline Pierson '13 has been elected President of Young Women's Christian association. Caroline Waite '13 has the lead in *Henry V* which is to be produced in the Greek Theater April 13.

Here's wishing all Thetas a splendid summer and a happy one.

27 March 1912

*Constance Davis*

'13 Alice Hicks was married to Erwin Marna in Scotland. Their home is "The Blackstone" Chicago.

'13 Miriam Clapp was married to Lieutenant Richard Bennett H. M. A. in London.

A number of girls enjoyed Junior week at Stanford.

Helen Cheriton, Alpha Gamma, has been visiting us for a few days.

'14 Clotilde Patton has transferred from Washington to California.

'07 Marion Craig is on her way to South Africa via the Orient.

#### ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The two months preceding spring vacation, which began March 22, were comparatively uneventful in the chapter, everyone spending their utmost energy on the routine of college life. Our annual dance, February 21, at Hamilton court, Philadelphia, was a greater success than usual. We invited the men to dinner without letting them know who their partners were to be, and then announced in the dining room that each man was to sit by the girl whom he though had invited him. Of course the men obeyed by contraries. Later each adopted partner presented the program, with a snapshot of the true partner, to the man beside her. Another evening—though a very different one—that stands out in our year was the night that the box of food—chickens, olives and all the other requisites for an ideal feed—came from one of our alumnae. It formed the nucleus for a gathering that ended at twelve-thirty with a most systematic, helpful, and invigorating "slam party."

The discussion concerning the time of next year's pledge day has temporarily subsided, as the question is in the hands of a committee composed of the Grand presidents of the three na-

tional fraternities concerned. Meanwhile the greatest cordiality and good feeling exists between the members of the different fraternities. The Pi Beta Phi freshmen gave a card party to the Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Sigma (local) and Theta freshmen, which was certainly thoroughly enjoyed by the latter.

A very successful basketball season closed March 8, only the game with Lehigh being lost and that by one point. The schedule included games with Penn., Navy, Army, Bucknell, State, *et cetera*.

Two men of national reputation, Victor Murdock, Kansas representative to Congress, and W. J. Burns, the detective, have lectured recently at Swarthmore.

5 April 1912

Anna D. White

'94 Caroline Sargent Walter (Mrs. Wm.) expects to go to California this summer.

'00-ex Mr and Mrs Arthur C. Jackson (Edith Wilson) announce the birth of a daughter, Edith Wilson Jackson, Feb. 8.

'01 Mary W. Lippincott has returned from a three weeks visit to Pinehurst.

'01 Mr. and Mrs G. Herbert Jenkins (Mary Ash) announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Schofield Jenkins.

'04 Alice Sullivan Perkins (Mrs T. H. D.) has been touring the south with her father.

'09 Caroline F. Atkinson and Newell Alford, Δ T, have announced their engagement. The wedding will be in June.

'09 The wedding of Sara Hawkins and Paul Freeman, Σ X, will take place April 30 at Idlewild, Media.

'10 Ethel M. Albertson sailed April 4 from New York for Naples.

'11 Florence Smedley will spend the spring visiting in Chicago and Swarthmore.

#### ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

On March 22 and 23 the Strollers presented the *Manoeuvres of Jane* by Henry Arthur Jones. Under the coaching of C. B. Robbins, a graduate of the Sargent school of dramatics, the play was most successfully produced. Ruth Huntington



in the title role executed her part admirably. Katherine Jones and Lulu Thomas were also in the cast.

The Historical pageant of the Ohio centennial will be held on the campus May 10. Heretofore the May fete has included only the women of the university and has been under the direction of the Women's council of which Josephine Matthews is president. This year the Men's council has been invited to co-operate, and there will be a men's pageant. The different stages of development from the time of Indians and early settlers down to the present day will be represented. About 500 students are expected to participate. The Centennial commission of Ohio has given its support. This, along with the directorship of the Women's council and the unusual enthusiasm on the part of the students, promises to make the affair quite spectacular.

Lambda Alpha, which was stablished at Ohio State in 1909, has just been granted a charter of Alpha Phi. They were initiated into that fraternity Saturday, March 30.

This is the first year that the celebration of Arbor day has been taken up by the university. On April 3, 100 trees will be planted on the campus by the students through their organizations. President Thompson will conduct the ceremony assisted by the regimental band.

April 12 is the date set for our formal dance. Invitations have been sent to 250 guests. We are inviting no rushees this year, thus breaking a custom which we, as well as most of the other women's fraternities, have observed for several years. We are planning to decorate the hall with an arrangement of lattice work entwined with smilax and sweet peas.

The Browning literary society will give its annual Shakespearean play in June. *Much ado about nothing* is to be produced. The play will take place in a picturesque part of the campus, the natural setting being well adapted for an affair

of this kind. Theta has five active members in the society.

2 April 1912

Ruth Sigrist

'08-ex Lucia Barger will be married to William Little, A Δ Φ, on the evening of April 9. They will make their future home in Chicago, Ill.

'08-ex Jane Huntington will be married May 3 to H. M. Bone, B Θ II. They will live in Columbus, Ohio.

'06 Alice Thacker's engagement to Lloyd Morris, Δ T Δ, has just been announced. The marriage will take place in June.

'06 Alice R. Marsh was married April 17 to Archie H. Scott, Φ Δ Θ. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will make their home in Coleraine, Minn.

#### ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

A chapter of greatly increased size sends greetings this month, for we added to our old members on February 10 by initiating our eight freshmen pledges, and later by initiating Grace Rose, a new junior from Smith college. The freshmen initiation we held at the home of Mrs. Sydney R. Miller, one of our alumnae, and the initiation banquet at the Stafford hotel. The toast scheme proved both workable and inspiring. It was the "flying of the kite," an alumna describing the preparation of the kite, a sophomore its start, a junior the kite on the wing, a senior the kite at its height, and another alumna its future flight. The initiation of Grace Rose was followed by an informal party at the home of Mrs. R. T. Smith, Jr. of Psi.

The weeks just before spring vacation were very full. The junior class gave its annual pantomime in honor of the freshman class. It was Storm's *Immensee* that the juniors pantomimed, and the German atmosphere that the girls succeeded in producing was very realistic. The Glee and Mandolin clubs gave a very artistic concert. The mother of one of our freshmen, Louise Pennington, entertained the chapter informally at tea. The following week we left for our spring vacation and after a two weeks absence are now back at college ready to start the spring routine but looking forward to numerous



outings, for the rest of the year is the time of most of Goucher's social activities.

30 March 1912

*Frances Stirling Clarke*

'09 Katherine Lindsay visited Emma Gregg '09 of Atlanta, Ga. during the month of March.

'12-ex Winifred Kavanaugh and Margaret Gutilius visited Mrs. R. Tynes Smith, Jr. of Baltimore during March. Winifred Kavanaugh sailed March 30 for a stay of several months in England and France.

'13-ex Laura Bennett of Baltimore is visiting Edna Jacobs '14-ex, at Fairmont, W. Va.

During spring vacation, March 13 to 27, Marjorie Day '13 of Auburn, N. Y. visited Bertha Blaird, '15 of Clarksburg, West Va. Mary Hoffman '15 of Baltimore visited Grace Haymaker '15 of Clarksburg; Earnestine Dulaney '12 of Baltimore, visited Elinor Annan '14 of Clarksburg; Frances Clark '13 of Atlanta and Dorothy Davis '13 of Baltimore visited Anna Payne '13 of Liberty, N. Y. Norma Wood '15 of Rochester visited several members of Alpha Delta in Baltimore; and Adele Hopkins '11, of Hanover, Pa. visited Alma Jaggu '12 of Southampton, L. I.

'02 Born, Feb. 10, to Mr and Mrs W. P. Pollard (Alice Bennett) a son.

#### ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

At last we have seen Miss Hale! The news that she was to be at the initiation of February 6 travelled fast, many graduates coming from far and near to meet her, and she herself with her delightful personality and faculty for winning every heart, charmed us all. We expect to hold another initiation soon, as we have just pledged Dorothy Herrod of the sophomore class.

There has been much enthusiasm shown about the annual Undergraduate play to be given April 20-21. Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale* has been chosen, and the rehearsals have commenced. Elizabeth Gray is to be Hermione, Florence Lowther, Paulina, Marguerite Allen, Mopsa, and Dorothy Herrod, Florizel. Bertha Junghans and Marguerite Kalt are also to have minor parts.

The Greek games were held in the Columbia gymnasium this year on March 22. The freshmen and sophomores in their Greek costumes looked very imposing, as they marched in singing their opening songs to Iris, the goddess of the day. The first event was the dance; the freshmen costumes of shaded pink were voted by the judges to be prettier than the white and green of the sophomores, but the dance of the latter was considered best. The dances were accompanied by the usual chorus of selected voices, Luisa Ros singing in the sophomore chorus. Then came the reading of the rival lyrics, composed by individual members of the classes, and finally the athletic games modeled after those of ancient Greece. Luisa Ros represented her class in the torch race, and hoop rolling contest, and won a point in the stilt race.

Alas, for the seniors graduation week is not far distant, and plans are already being made for this the most important part of the college year. Though we hate so much to have our seniors go, still we love to have them depart in glory. Among the few seniors to speak at Class day is Florence Lowther, who gives the Presentation oration; Elizabeth Gray gives the Ivy oration on Ivy day, and Bertha Junghans is chairman of the senior dance.

Among the recent incidents of college life are the German play, *Jugend freunde* given March 29 and 30, Nancy Beall being on the committee; the Silver Bay fair, which is held every year by the Young Women's Christian association; and the undergraduate tea, of which Bertha Junghans is chairman.

The tea that the alumnae gave for us at Elsie Bradley's recently was delightful; we cannot express our appreciation of their interest in us. We wish that every chapter had such devoted alumnae.

1 April 1912

Katharine Noble

M. A. '11 Mary Anderson is in Hudson, Wis. this year.

'11-ex Mr. and Mrs. Harry Horn (Nina Dakin) are living in Staten Island.



'11 Agnes Denike is our new alumna Panhellenic delegate.

'11 The new address of May and Louie Johnson is 800 West End ave.

'12 Emma Rapelye and Edith Thomas gave a small dinner at the dormitory on March 27.

'12 Penelope Girdner gave a tea earlier in the winter.

'12 Florence Lowther expects to travel in Europe this summer.

#### ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter we have separated and met together again. Our spring vacation has just ended and though some of us went home, most of us went on a house-party to Ridgetop. We took along bedding, provisions, a cook, a chaperon and our brothers. Games, dancing, long walks, and a hayride were some of our amusements. We invited special guests up to spend Sunday with us.

The Conference for education in the South meets in Nashville April 3-5. Vanderbilt will be prominently represented.

Last week Maria Mason sent us a beautiful hand-painted chocolate set—done in black and gold pansies with our monogram on every piece.

We have the city championship in basketball, having defeated by a large score all the teams with which we have played.

Nashville is entertaining this week the Southern association of college women.

We are anticipating with great pleasure a visit this spring from Miss Overstreet, our District president.

1 April 1912

*Rose E. Tate*

Stella Scott Vaughn is convalescing from a long attack of bronchitis.

'01 Eleanor Buford Jones (Mrs. Herbert) is spending the winter in Cuba.

'01 Martha Maney Maslin (Mrs. Thomas) has been visiting her mother in Nashville.

'04 Roberta Du Bose, student secretary of Y. W. C. A. in Columbus, Miss. is attending the Conference for education in the South.

'05 Mr. and Mrs. George Widner (Louise Wilson) are the parents of a new baby girl.

'07 Rosa Ambrose Doud (Mrs. R. B.) will return to her home in Goodrich next week after a month's visit to her parents here.

'07 Mary V. Lipe is spending the winter in Los Angeles, Cal.

'07 Madge Cannon Smith (Mrs. A. J.) visited Stella Vaughn last week.

'06 Maria Mason has returned to Pulaski after visiting Stella Vaughn.

'07 Alice Clark Beachboard (Mrs. Z. P.) has moved to Berkeley, Cal. Her address is 2814 Woolsey.

'08 Elizabeth Young is visiting Anne Dowdell Denson (Mrs. W. A.) in Birmingham.

'09 Rhoda Kaufman is delegate from Atlanta to the Southern association of college women.

'11 We are glad to have Julia Meyer Cheney (Mrs. Chas.) Alpha Omicron, with us. She is making her home in Nashville for the present.

'11-ex Katherine Hammond Roulstone (Mrs. W. B.) has a daughter born Mar. 28.

Corinne Gladding spent her vacation at her home in Memphis.

'14 Sadie Shofner and Nat Shofner B Θ II gave a house party at their home in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee during spring vacation, composed of Betas and Thetas. Alma Leeth and Bess Figley went from A H.

#### ALPHA THETA—TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

On March 21 our newest pledge, Lucile Davis of Nacogdoches, was initiated. Since our last letter University social life has been very gay, with the exception of examination week. The Delta Delta Delta chapter was installed the middle of February, and was entertained by the six other women's fraternities with parties and a formal reception. We gave them a 500-party on the morning of March 2.

That afternoon, instead of celebrating the holiday with the usual pitched battle, the freshmen and sophomores had a



push-ball contest on Clark field. The mud and rain added a great deal to the spectacular effect! The girls of the junior class gave the annual prom to the senior girls, observing the regular custom of wearing black coats with white shirtwaist suits and sending flowers to their partners. Nearly all the class receptions and club dances have been given in the last few weeks. Five of these were led by Thetas.

The Curtain club, entirely composed of men, gave Goldoni's *The fan* with great success. The Germania literary society will present *Die Anna-Lise*, and the girls of the Ashbel literary society will give *Pygmalion and Galatea* very soon.

Our local Panhellenic has offered a loving cup to the chapter attaining the highest scholarship. The lucky one will keep it as long as it holds first place. We are hoping that this plan will prove a real stimulus, and each one is striving to be the first one to hold the cup. Several of the Thetas and Pi Phi enjoyed a two-days' camp up the river after the winter term examinations. The two canoes owned by girls in our chapter added a great deal to the pleasure of the excursion.

We are planning our annual tea for the ladies of the faculty and our patronesses. It will occur in the next two weeks while the wild flowers are still abundant.

29 March 1912

Fannie Preston

'13-ex Married, Mamie Ketchum of Galveston and Lieut. Walker.  
Address: Fort Wadsworth, N. Y.

'14-ex Lucile Jones of Marshall has been visiting at Grace hall the past two weeks. Mrs. Leisnitz gave a tea in her honor.

Martha Harris and Franklyn Wood have withdrawn from college on account of illness.

#### ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Since our last chapter letter three events have taken place which seem to stand out from the constant number of college and fraternity affairs.

The first was our annual colonial tea on February 22, held at the home of Emma Thuener. The presidents of the active and alumnae chapters, the dean's wife, Miss Cummings, Iota, and Mrs. Thuener were in the receiving line. In spite of the fact that there had been such a snow storm that the cars were running only irregularly over four hundred people came, and pronounced this the most successful tea in our history. The active girls and their friends stayed for an evening of dancing and general good times, which made us, too, decide that though all preceding teas had been attractive, none of them quite equalled that of 1912.

The second event was the presentation of a comedy by Sigma alumnae, to raise money for the Scholarship fund. The play was an entire success and netted about \$30. The active girls sold candy there and made a fair amount for the same fund, which they hope to increase in April by an entertainment.

The most recent event, was the Annual play by the Dramatic club—*An enemy of the people* by Ibsen, in which Louise Wenzel '12, played one of the two women's roles. In spite of much previous adverse criticism as to choice of play, after the performance, the general criticism was to the effect that the characterization was portrayed with far more discernment than is usually found in amateur efforts.

In making out the scholarship records for last term, we find that less than half as many fraternity girls received conditions as non-fraternity. In view of the recent discussions as to scholarship averages of the two classes, this was a welcome discovery.

We are now looking forward to the visit from Miss Post. These visits from our District president are always such an inspiration and help that we wish we might be considered among those chapters whom she considered it advisable to visit annually.

30 March 1912

Julia Prewitt Brookes



Helen Fuller '11, spent her spring vacation at home. She has been teaching in Illinois.

Emma Thuener '13, takes a trip through Panama in April.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

The past month there has been no end of good times. A very jolly evening was when the senior class entertained the sophomores at a baby party. The seniors laid aside their traditional dignity and thoroughly enjoyed the fun with the sophomores who proved to be very "knowing children."

The sophomore Minstrel show was a great success, sophomore "affairs" always are.

The social event of most absorbing interest to the college was the presentation of *A Midsummer-night's dream* at the Brooklyn academy of music. The play was given by the Brooklyn teacher's association in conjunction with Adelphi alumnae and undergraduates. The Thetas were very much interested, for eight of our girls took part.

Alpha Kappa spent a most enjoyable afternoon recently at the home of our Theta sister, Marie Balmanno. Many of Alpha Kappa's friends were present and we all enjoyed pleasant little chats and reunions over the tea cups.

We of Alpha Kappa consider ourselves very fortunate indeed in having had a visit from three members of Alpha Delta. The chapter will long remember Miss Clark, Miss Davis, and Miss Paine; our only regret that time would not permit a longer visit. We hope that other Thetas passing through New York will come and see us as our sisters from Alpha Delta did.

The chapter is looking forward to a week end house-party some time this month. Catherine Meehan has invited us to her country home in Belmar, New Jersey. Alpha Kappa always has had wonderful times at her house parties and we are confident that history will repeat itself.

1 April 1912

Gladys C. Simmons

On Wednesday, March 27, Emma Crane was married to Owen Neill Brown.

Edna Staughton sails this month for Europe.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

At the national convention last summer the delegates from Gamma Beta district decided to hold a district convention sometime during the college year. The time has been set now for April 12 and 13; the place, Alpha Lambda chapter house. This is the all-absorbing interest at present for us Washington Thetas on whom largely rests the responsibility of making this meeting a success. We expect seven or eight delegates from Alpha Xi and Omega alumnae, and two or three from Alpha Nu.

Friday afternoon we shall have initiation for our new pledge, Marie Cahill of Seattle. She will remember with much pleasure her admittance to the inner life of the fraternity if ushered in by representatives of five chapters, and such a ceremony will help all to realize vividly the significance and strength of our bond. After the initiation, Omicron alumnae will have a spread for us. Then the stunt committee will take charge and entertain us. If there is time afterwards we shall have a short business meeting.

The regular business session will be held Saturday morning, there to concert plans for mutual helpfulness in fraternity matters, such as exchange of suggestions for rushing. Saturday afternoon we plan to have an informal tea to which representatives of the different women's fraternities are to be invited.

We shall close this convention with a formal dance Saturday night. This is to be the chief Theta function of the year and one to which the girls have been looking forward for a long time. It seems a very happy coincidence that we can have the dance and convention at the same time. It will make both events pleasanter. The dance is to be given at President Kane's house which was the New York building at the A. Y. P.



Exposition and is a replica of William Seward's home. President and Mrs. Kane, Dr. and Mrs. Frein, Miss Margaret Jordan, and Miss Josephine Meissner are to be our patrons and patronesses.

We hope to make this convention such a success that it will become an annual event and that other districts will wish to institute a like custom.

One of the unique entertainments of the year at college was the Latin play, *Phormio* by Terence, translated and staged by the students in the Latin classes. The rhymed prologue to the play was written and delivered by Agnes Lovejoy, one of our seniors. Several girls in Greek costume ushered.

In April the French department will present a play, *Le bourgeois gentilhomme*. The play the department gave last year was such a success that they were encouraged to give another this year.

The University crew will race against Stanford and California in California in April. Later California may send her oarsmen north to race our crew here.

A welcome innovation for this university is an Easter recess which will begin March 29 and last till April 9.

25 March 1912

Kate Dallam

Phoeb Mullikin Story, Delta, leaves soon for a visit in Champaign, Ill. Mrs. Jennie Brawley Ernst, Mu, is visiting in California.

'13-ex Lucy Horton is enjoying the winter at Claremont, Cal.

'14-ex Clotilde Patton is living in Berkeley, Cal.

'11 Bess Graham and '13-ex Jessie Drummond were at the chapter house last week end, Mar. 23 and 24.

#### ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

On February 14, Alpha Mu gave her first formal dance. The hall was decorated in Theta colors, and a palm garden surrounded the punch bowl. Besides the regular numbers, there were four favor dances which made the program doubly attractive.

Two of our alumnae have announced their engagements, Mae Wonsetter to V. J. Chapman, of Kansas City, and Nell Farley to John Welsh,  $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$ . We have already received both five pound boxes of chocolates. Several parties have been given for Mae Wonsetter, who has been visiting in town. Mary Noe entertained for her on the morning of February 22, with a sewing party at the chapter house. Mrs. Mumford, a patroness, also entertained all the girls at her home, one Saturday afternoon, in honor of the bride-elect. We spent the afternoon sewing, and compiling a book of "good advice" for the guest of honor. Our other patronesses were present, and we were also glad to have Lucy Dill of Rho with us for this occasion.

We are also glad to announce that Alpha Mu has a most charming new patroness, Mrs. Robert Moulton.

On March 21, we entertained the chaperons of the various fraternities at dinner. The idea was a new one here, and was thoroughly appreciated.

Four of our girls, Kathryn Gentry, Olive Koken, Bess Phillips, and Frances Bennett, are busy with rehearsals for the new comic opera, *The land of the toreador*, to be given in Columbia in April. The company will also go to Kansas City, where they will play two nights at the Willis wood.

We are looking forward to our Mothers' house party, which will take place early in May. Each girl has written her mother to come for a visit at the time of the May-day festivities, and entertainments during that time will be planned in their honor. Our District president, Miss Post, is also expected to pay us a visit some time in April.

28 March 1912

Temple Kean

'08 Ellen Koken Mann (Mrs. F. J.) recently visited the chapter.

Some alumnae back for the Theta formal were: Ora Lee George, Charlene Russel, Mae Wonsetter, and Anna Ruby Dillard.

'12-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. William O'Connor, (May Dick) twins.



## ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Just at present we are trying very hard to reconcile our lessons with the bewitching days of spring. With the nearing of commencement season, college activities seem to be crowding closely upon one another and we wonder how we will find time for everything.

We have elected Annabelle Robertson to represent us at the District convention, at Seattle, April 12. A district convention is quite a novelty, and we are looking forward to it with great interest. We hope to have two of our girls attend in addition to the official delegate.

Merle Kettlewell and Bess Rhoades, two of our number whose homes are in Missoula, entertained the college chapter and resident alumnae members at a charmingly appointed luncheon February 12.

We have just issued invitations for a Panhellenic dance. The invitations include all the active members of the five other fraternities, the alumni and alumnae residing in Missoula, and the patronesses of the women's fraternities. We are bending every effort toward procuring effective Kappa Alpha Theta favors and decorations. Our resident alumnae are assisting the active chapter in giving the dance, and we hope that our combined efforts will be successful. A Panhellenic dance is a distinct innovation here, for while men's and women's fraternities have each given dances at various times, they have always been rushing parties, and have not included members of any other fraternities. We hope that our dance will help to create a broader spirit of fellowship in the institution, and that it may become a precedent for the other fraternities.

The women of the University have become interested lately in the question of equal suffrage, and last week saw the formal organization of an Equal suffrage club. It was quite surprising to note how many of the men were active in support-

ing the movement. Two men were actually elected to offices—one as a vice president, and the other as secretary-treasurer.

The constitution of the Associated students of the University of Montana has been changed this spring, to the effect that instead of having a member of the faculty as A. S. U. M. manager, that officer will be chosen from among the students. It is expected that this arrangement will produce better results than did the old system.

With this last issue of the JOURNAL, Alpha Nu wishes to say "good-bye" to her sister chapters until the fall, when we will meet again with renewed zeal and enthusiasm for the interests of Theta.

30 March 1912

*Hazel Marshall Lyman*

#### ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

We are already making plans for the District convention, in Seattle, April 12 and 13. Four girls will attend, including our delegate, Eleanor McClaine. Fortunately for those who are going, the Alpha Lambda girls are giving their formal party at that time.

The last intersorority basketball game has been played, and we are the proud possessors of the cup awarded by our college paper. A great deal of enthusiasm has been evinced in basketball this season, so our Alpha Xi team feels especially elated over the victory.

Maurine McAdam has reentered college this semester, her last semester's work was done at the new Reed institute, Portland.

We very much regret the loss of one of our seniors, Marjorie Holcomb. Marjorie was affiliated from Phi and had become very dear and necessary to us.

One of our sophomores, Bess Cowden, was a delegate from her class to the recent oratorical convention held at Pacific



university, Forest Grove. Our college won the contest in which seven Oregon colleges took part.

The senior play is scheduled for some date in the near future, this is one of the big events of the closing year. We take a special interest in it this year as Mildred Bagley is to play the leading role. In a little German play to be given soon, Lila Sengstake will take the part of leading lady.

Two of our freshmen, who have been living in town, are coming into the house after spring vacation.

We are expecting to have a rushing week-end immediately after spring vacation; as there is to be the April Frolic and a Student body dance—forms of student entertainment we would like our guests to see.

A new national fraternity has entered the university, the Delta Sigma club having been granted a charter of Phi Delta Theta.

The only large formal party which we will give this year will be a reception in honor of our housemother, April 5. The afternoon will be devoted to our town friends and faculty, and in the evening the house will be thrown open to the student body, after which we will have an informal dance. We are all hoping that Miss Josephine Meissner can be with us then. She is to spend a week with us soon, and will be here then if it can be arranged with the Portland alumnae chapter.

26 March 1912

*Bess Cowden*

'10 Frances Oberteuffer Moller has returned from her honeymoon in New York and is now at home in Hood River.

'11 Willetta Wright visited with us last month.

Mrs. Harpham, Delta, has just returned from a trip East.

#### ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Since the beginning of the second semester, we have pledged and initiated Isadel Heath Bozell (Mrs. H. V.) of Norman, Miss Bess Brewer of Wagoner, and Helen Barrett of Carmen. We have also pledged Helen Mitchell of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. Bozell is a member of Sigma Delta Psi, of Washburn college, and is now working for her master's degree here. Both she and Miss Brewer were our patronesses.

Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, superintendent of the Boston public schools, has been chosen as president of the university to succeed Dr. A. Grant Evans.

Two more national fraternities have entered the university within a month. Lambda Chi, a local, was granted a charter in Sigma Chi; and the Arthur Foote music club was granted a charter in Phi Mu Alpha, a men's music fraternity.

Big plans are being made for the interscholastic track meet to be held here in April. The Junior Burlesque will be given at the same time.

Among our happiest times this year were the Bohemian supper which Mrs. Bozell gave in her attractive new bungalow, the informal dance given at our chapter house in honor of the visiting girls who were here for the Sigma Nu annual, and the spread given for the house girls by the town girls.

Frances Dorchester '12, has a part in the senior class play, and Edna Cash '15 is in the cast of the German play to be given by Teutonia.

Virginia Tolbert '14 has been elected vice-president of Young Women's Christian association and assistant editor of the *Sooner*. Leulla Bretch '14, has been elected literary editor of the *Sooner*, is on the Social committee of the sophomore class, and also on the Umpire board. Grace Williams was elected secretary of the sophomore class. She and Virginia Tolbert are members of the architectural club, of which Adelaide Loomis '06, is the secretary-treasurer.

30 March 1912

Grace Williams

'06 Adelaide Loomis has announced her engagement to G. B. Parker, K. A.

'07 Mary Alice Boyd expects to return this summer to live in Norman. She is now in New York city.

'11 We were all sorry to hear of the death of Eva Daves's father.



'11-ex Nina Bessent has announced her engagement to Mr. Bennie Owen, Σ N.

'12 Mabel Thacker is at her home in Lexington, Okla.

'12 Gertrude Buxton's address is 1021 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City, Okla.

'12-ex Born, on February 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wantland (Agnes Lindsay), a son, William Lindsay.

'13-ex Callie Goodrich has returned to Norman to live. Pearl Goodrich will return from Los Angeles in May.

'14-ex Mary Virgin has finished her teaching and is now at home.

'15-ex Minnie Lee Burrus was forced to leave college on account of her father's illness.

Recent visitors to the chapter were Gertrude Buxton, Mabel Thacker, Julia Meier, and Nancy Longnecker.

Several of the alumnae have written that they intend to visit us during commencement. They are Lottie Boyle, '11, Myrl Edie '11, Marie Hunter McMurray (Mrs. Jack) '11, Fanny Haynes '12-ex, Glenn Martin '13-ex, and Hazel Martin '14-ex.

Anne White, Eta Beta Pi, came over from Chickasha for the Σ N annual, and spent the week-end with us.

#### ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Alpha Pi is now enjoying a much needed vacation. We have had a six months rushing season out of which Theta emerged with flying colors, pledging thirteen of the strongest girls in college, representing every line of university activity. We are very proud to introduce you to our pledges: Vera Markell, Gertrude Gould, Mildred Holmes, Inez Serumgard, Clara Burman, Blanche Daily, Elgie Barrington, Hazel Ladd, Alice Kolars, Ethel Renwich, Alice Lowe, Mertie Halverson, and Miss Marcia Bisbee, a member of the faculty.

We are also the proud possessors of four new lots very near the university. We are already planning for our home, which we hope to see well under way in the next two years.

Alpha Pi girls have been very prominent in recent university publication elections. On the *Student* board, the weekly paper,

Jessie Budge was elected Local editor. In the *Dakota* board election, the annual published by the Junior class, we have three editors: Faculty—Alice Kolars, Photograph—Pauline Serumgard, Class—Vera Kelsey, and an assistant manager—Olga Serumgard.

In dramatic lines Alpha Pi is also very proud of her girls. In the recent production of *Nathan Hale* by the Sock and Buskin dramatic society, two Thetas, Annie MacIlraith and Gertrude Cunningham, had the leading roles, and two of our pledges, Elgie Barrington and Alice Kolars, had minor parts. Annie MacIlraith also has the leading role in the Senior class play.

After vacation we will be busy preparing for the Athletic carnival. This is a new idea here and everyone is much interested. Every organization has to present some entertainment, the proceeds to be given to the athletic funds.

Selma Hassell is giving a house party for the Thetas Commencement week. Three large cottages at Maple Lake, with about twenty Thetas, promise a good time that we are all eagerly looking forward to.

8 April 1912

Vera Kelsey

'09 Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ganssle, on March 5, 1912, a girl and a boy.

'09 Faith Grinnell Conmy (Mrs. Ed.) visited her mother in Grand Forks.

Belle Mahon '09, Trissie Olson '09, and Rose Conmy '10, came in to take part in *The flower of power*.

'09 Josephine Hamel came down from Willow city to spend her Easter holidays with Theta.

'10 Echo Turner is spending her Easter holidays at home in Grand Forks.

'11 Pearl Monroe, who has been teaching at Minnewaukan, has completed her work and is now visiting in Grand Forks.

'12 Lottie Canham spent a week with the Thetas at Larimore hall.



Alpha Pi is exceedingly grateful to her loyal alumnae who helped in so many thoughtful ways during the rush.

We have been very fortunate in having visitors from other chapters. We enjoyed having them so much, and wish more would come. Kate Morse March (Mrs. H. J.) Upsilon, spent two weeks with us. Mrs. W. L. Stockwell, Upsilon, and Miss Jean Donaldson, Psi, came up from Fargo for a few days.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Alpha Rho, though so newly-born, is already making plans for a house next year. We have now two offers from business men here, to build our fraternity house in accordance with our own plans, to be finished by the opening of college next fall. The house will be large enough to accommodate at least twenty girls, and will be situated a block from the university campus. The lease on the building and grounds will hold for a year, with first option for succeeding years.

Our alumnae and out-going seniors have already subscribed a considerable sum for the maintenance of the house during the financially troublesome first year. Plans are also being laid for a permanent sinking fund as a reserve for house expenses. We already have much furniture and many of our out-going girls plan to leave part of their accumulated four years' supply.

We have set a day for a general Alumnae reunion when a number of our alumnae will renew old friendships, and join our Theta band. The annual track meet for South Dakota high schools, also our annual music festival occur during this reunion week.

Three of our girls, Florence Gray, Ada Meadows, and Florence Chaney, have just returned from a Young Women's Christian association conference at Lincoln. They are enthusiastic over the royal entertainment accorded them by Rho, whose acquaintance we were very happy to make at our installation. Indeed to them and certainly to Miss Green and Mrs. Huffman,

we owe the success of our installation week. A number of our girls are at present working on prominent parts in the annual sophomore play.

Trusting that our age in T. B. D. will be the guiding star in our youth in Theta, we are entering into Thetahood, thrilling with pride and love for the strong national ties that bind us.

16 April 1912

*Florence Chaney*



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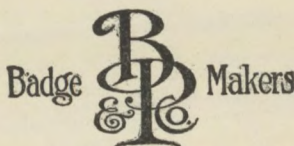
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